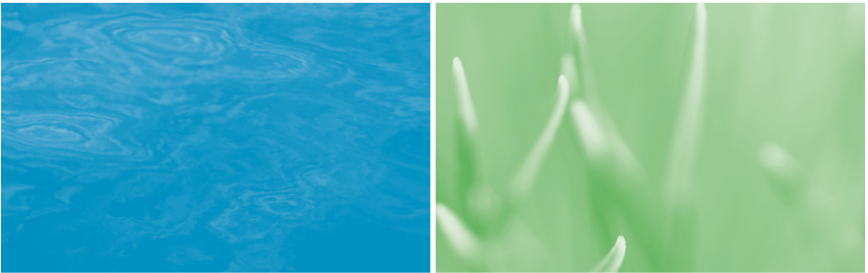


Striving**Together**Publications



Spiritual Leadership Lessons from Dr. Paul Chappell

www.strivingtogether.com

800.201.7748

Volume: **7** | Lesson: **12**

Lesson Title:

Characteristics of a Healthy Church

Introduction: _____

Colossians 2:6-7

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

I. A Biblical _____

A. _____ people to develop a heart for God.

Psalm 34:2-3

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

B. _____ people in the church family.

Acts 2:41-42

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

C. _____ people from the Word of God.

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful v men, who shall be able to teach others also.

D. _____ in the ministry.

1 Peter 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

E. _____ the Antelope Valley for Christ.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

II. A Spiritual _____

A. Led by the _____

Galatians 5:16-17

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

B. Rooted and grounded in _____

III. An Uncompromised _____

A. Fundamentalism is a _____.

Jude 3

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

B. Fundamentalism is not a _____.

1. Preferences should be stated.
2. Preferences should not be used to intentionally marginalize good brothers from one another.

IV. An Enduement of _____

A. God's power for _____

1. True scriptural authority comes from God.
2. True spiritual authority is not grasped.

Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

B. God's power for _____

1 Corinthians 1:21

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

“Preaching should be judged by accuracy to the text, not by use of visual aids”

B. God's power for the local _____

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

V. A _____ Pastor

A. Pursues a _____ walk with God

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings being made conformable unto his death;

B. Cultivates a _____ walk with his family

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

C. Maintains _____ with proven men

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

D. Avoids _____ drivenness

Proverbs 11:1

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

Six Principles for Avoiding Imbalance

1. What God has given me is sustainable.
2. Life-giving recreation is necessary.
3. You can do too much of a good thing.
4. Opportunity does not equal obligation.
5. The less you do, the more you enable others to accomplish.
6. Great leaders attribute their success, not to the things they said “yes” to, but to things they didn’t do.

VI. A Transparent _____

A. For those with _____

B. For those needing to _____

1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Desire Little Change

Consumer
Disengaged
Critic

Desire Big Change

Champion
Engaged
Challenger

VII. An Insistence on _____

A. The _____ to purity

1 Timothy 4:12-13

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

B. The _____ for purity

Galatians 6:1

Galatians 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

VIII. An Insistence on _____

A. A healthy church remains _____ to God.

Isaiah 53:1-2

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

B. A healthy church remains _____

in transition.

IX. A Soulwinning _____

- A. _____ - Go every where.
- B. _____ - Don't let your community brand you.
- C. _____ - of the Gospel
- D. _____ - of visitors
- E. _____ - for follow-up

X. A Christ Centered _____

- A. We exist for His _____.

- B. We must give and deflect all _____
to Him.

Ephesians 3:21
*Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,
world without end. Amen.*

Conclusion: _____
