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5 Commitments of a Healthy Church



FIVE COMMITMENTS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

Understanding these commitments enables leaders to do strategic planning and evaluate their ministries.

- Clear vision
- Empowering leadership
- Members involved in ministry
- Stewardship of resources
- Connection between the text and the context

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CLEAR VISION

Key Aspects of a Vision Statement:

1. It presents a clear picture of a preferred future.
2. It enables one to think of possibilities with God's "eyeglasses."
3. It's based on the redemptive purposes of God.
4. It's not satisfied with the status quo (the way things are at present).
5. It takes faith.
6. It's communicated in a simple form.
7. It moves one toward prayer and action/it gives a sense of urgency.
8. It's shared among leaders and members.

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EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

CHARACTERISTICS OF LEADERS IN SCRIPTURE:			
The leader is sent by God.	The leader is a servant.	The leader seeks God's guidance.	The leader motivates and equips God's people.

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CONTRAST BETWEEN LEADERSHIP STYLES

THE AUTHORITARIAN LEADER:

Says, “Follow me!”

Decides what his vision and goals are for the church.

Doesn’t delegate, just gives orders.

Makes decisions on his own.

Complains about the weaknesses of the congregation.

Does everything himself: preaching, visiting, praying, teaching, leading, worship, etc.

Sees other leaders as competitors and threats.



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THE SERVANT LEADER:

Says, “Let’s follow Jesus!”

Works with leaders to discern the vision and goals God has for the church.

Involves others.

Invites others to participate in making decisions.

Strengthens the congregation in its areas of weakness.

Trains others to do ministry and affirms them.

Sees other leaders as partners and blessings.

Do you put others to work?

Who in your church can you involve in different ways?



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MOBILIZED BODY

The members of the church work together, using their gifts responsibly in the congregation and in the community.

Successful work as a team involves:



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STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

The Four “T’s” of Stewardship:

1. Time
2. Talent
3. Treasure
4. Temple of God (our physical bodies)

The church challenges its members to be good stewards of its possessions and goods as well as their own.

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CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TEXT AND THE CONTEXT

A healthy church takes into account its context (geographic location, social and economic factors, cultures, etc.). While the message of the good news in Jesus Christ does not change, the methods for sharing it do.



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