

## 12 Characteristics of a Healthy Church

1. They embark on a journey of faith.
2. They choose influence over success.
3. They embrace ministries of the head, heart and hand.
4. They are intentional about making mature and equipped followers of Christ, who make mature and equipped followers of Christ.
5. They equip their people to appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit.
6. They emphasize the marriage of grace and duty.
7. They destroy the ministry idols of tradition and preference.
8. They don't compromise spiritual nutrition for the sake of simplicity and growth.
9. They provide healthy environments for worship and feeding rather than environments for entertainment and self-help inspiration.
10. They correctly steward the keys to the Kingdom and the sacraments.
11. They underscore all their teaching with the realities of the authentic gospel and of Christ as the only hope of glory.
12. They allow their pastor & elders to focus on shepherding through their teaching, leading, and equipping.