

What makes a church soooo GOOD?

The Genuine Christian and the Genuine Local Church, Tough Stuff part 1

Introduction:

#1 A _____ society of God's people

Romans 12:4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

#2 A Community cultivating healthy _____

Husbands Ephesians 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word

Parents 2 Timothy 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings

which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus

Older women Titus 2:4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children

Younger men 1 Peter 5:5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders;

2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

#3 A Body where each part functions in _____

1 John 2:15b If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf

Revelation 2:4 But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I ... will remove your lampstand ...—unless you repent.

Revelation 3:16 because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

1 Corinthians 12:7 to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Romans 12:6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: 1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Acts 13:36 For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay;

#4 A Family so committed to Christ's plan, they _____

Matthew 6:21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, ...

2 On the first day of every week [regularly] each one of you [every family, every single] is to put aside and save, [plan for it, budget it] as he may prosper, [a percentage of what you earn]

#5 A Congregation _____ to a team of Elders

Hebrews 13:7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

#6 A Group of one-heart and one-minded _____

John 17:11b... that they may be one even as We are Philippians 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

A=We are not trying to be a big church, but a _____ church

B=We are calling you to repent of _____ Christianity

C=We are calling you to submit to _____ first above all

D=We are calling you to _____ the church like Christ does

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