

**“A Healthy Church”**

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**Introduction:**

- A. I often begin the new year with a sermon about our \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. What does it mean to be a \_\_\_\_\_ church?
- C. We are going to investigate myths people have about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ churches.

**I. The only thing growing churches care about is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Healthy and lasting church growth is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Five elements of spiritual work that lead to church health...
  - ...Grow \_\_\_\_\_ through fellowship.
  - ...Grow \_\_\_\_\_ through discipleship.
  - ...Grow \_\_\_\_\_ through worship.
  - ...Grow \_\_\_\_\_ through ministry.
  - ...Grow \_\_\_\_\_ through evangelism.
- C. Our message and our mission must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. To grow you must choose between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Quantity refers to the number of \_\_\_\_\_ a church is developing, and quality refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians.
- B. Every church should want to grow in \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. To grow you must compromise the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. We must not confuse what is \_\_\_\_\_ of attenders and members.
- B. A challenge we face is being \_\_\_\_\_ without compromising.
- C. We must be faithful to the unchanging \_\_\_\_\_ in an ever-changing \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. If you are \_\_\_\_\_ enough, your church will grow.**

- A. Growing a church takes \_\_\_\_\_. (Eccl. 10:10)
- B. To grow a church we must \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 3:10)

**Conclusion:** Review...

- A. If the church is \_\_\_\_\_, then it will \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We will grow not by sheer determination and dedication, but through \_\_\_\_\_ skill and empowerment.
- C. Let us become a church that turns...seekers into \_\_\_\_\_...the hurting into \_\_\_\_\_...consumers into \_\_\_\_\_...members into \_\_\_\_\_...an audience into an \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.A. mission. B. healthy. C. growth, growing. I. numbers. I.A. multidimensional. I.B. warmer, deeper, stronger, broader, larger. I.C. biblical, balanced. II. quality, quantity. II.A. Christians, kind. II.B. both. III. message, mission. III.A. expected. III.B. contemporary. III.C. Word, world. IV. dedicated. IV.A. skill. IV.B. depend, God. Concl.A. healthy, grow. B. God-given. saints, helpers, contributors, ministers, army.