

## **Twelve Factors that Identify a Healthy Church By Greg Penna**

### **1. Divine Enablement**

The healthy church recognizes God's sovereign role in building the kingdom and joyfully seeks and expects **His Holy Spirit's work in and through the Body of Christ.**

### **2. Pastoral Leadership**

The healthy church is led by a pastor who demonstrates the calling, character, and competence to help this church achieve its God-given purpose and shared vision.

### **3. Christ Exalting Worship**

The healthy church magnifies Christ by providing worship experiences that engage the whole person and lead the congregation into God's presence.

### **4. Effective Evangelism**

The healthy church embraces its mandate to multiply followers of Jesus Christ and more healthy churches.

### **5. Ministries of Compassion**

The healthy church actively expresses the love of Christ through generosity and service to those in need.

### **6. Loving Community**

The healthy church practices genuine care for one another while embracing new people and valuing their inclusion in the fellowship.

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has also forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32, NASB).*

### **7. Maturing Faith**

The healthy church nurtures spiritual maturity that shapes Biblical beliefs and transforms behaviors consistent with a holy life!

### **8. Personal Ministry**

The healthy church expects and equips its members to discover, develop, and use their gifts for fruitful ministry.

## 9. Leadership Development

The healthy church identifies, trains, and empowers persons called and gifted for servant leadership.

*“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” (II Timothy 2:2, NASB).*

## 10. God-honoring Stewardship

The healthy church teaches and practices Biblical stewardship and provides opportunities for generosity in time, talents, and treasures.

*“Bring the **whole tithe** into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows” (Malachi 3:10, NASB).*

## 11. Outreach Focus

The healthy church reaches into its community and the world as compassionate, culturally responsive, disciple-making ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

## 12. Vision-Directed Systems

The healthy church has its varied ministries focused and working together around the central purpose of fulfilling its vision.

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