

Marks of The Ideal Church

(Acts 9:31) Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Rest: “The had the churches rest”

Harmony or Concord: No Strife because of a common foundation! Phil 3:16 Common beliefs, common purpose. Not a community organization, but a callout assembly of baptized believers commissioned to expand the Kingdom of God!

Resting upon the Scriptures: 1 Tim 3:15 pillar/ground

Resting in the Common Salvation: Acts 4:12

Resting in Pastoral Leadership: 1 Tim 5:15; 1Th 5:12

Resting in a Common Hope for the Future: Tit 2:13

Growth: “the churches...were Edified”

Through the Word: 1 Pet 2:2 Milk of the word

Through Preaching:

You have allowed me to be Pastor and

Preacher: Illus: “Remember I love you”

1 Cor 1:21 Sinners are saved

Rom 10:17 Faith Grows

Through Giving: Time, Talents, & Resources

Realize God’s ownership over all: Ps 24:1

Faithful Administration: 1 Cor 4:2

Profound Worship:

Through Service:

Reverence: “Walking in the Fear of the Lord” Not shrinking in apprehension but finding love on our knees.

Humility: Phil 2:5-8

Obedience: 1 Pet 1:13-16

Spirituality: “Walking...in the comfort of the Holy Ghost”

Reliance upon the Spirit of God: Zech 4:6 Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord.

Spirit Filled: Eph 5:18 Spirit Controlled!

Spirit Led: Gal 5:22-25 the Fruits of the Spirit.

Increase: “Were Multiplied” Matt 28:18-20
Acts 2:47

When there is love and concord in a church

When the Members grow in Grace

When the Members become more and more like Christ

When the Members live in reliance upon the holy Spirit

Is it any wonder that the community is reached for Christ?

10 Ways You can Strengthen your church

The truth is, these *are* what builds a godly church.
Attributes of church members who are...

Growing in the Lord

Helping to strengthen their church family.

Stay: Learn to stick. (Heb 10:25)

Obviously, there are times God moves people.

Don't allow an offense w/ another Christian

Backsliding in your own heart

to keep you from your church family.

Sweet Spirit: Love your church. (Heb 10:24)

Stewardship: Give liberally to God & man.

(2 Cor 9:6) *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

Separation: Live in a way that is distinctly for God in this world. (2 Cor 6:17) *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*

Stick with Scriptures: Read, Study, & Listen to the preaching of God's Word.

Make it your ultimate authority.

(Heb 4:12) *For the word of God is quick, and*

Sold out: Be fully committed to the things of the Lord, your marriage & family, & your church family. (Luke 9:62) *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

Soulwinning: Target others w/ the Gospel.

(Luke 19:10)

Spiritual: Live in a way that is holy/godly/pure/clean (2 Tim 2:21) *If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.*

Sensitive: Be responsive to the needs of others, especially your church family. (Gal 6:10) *As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith*

Stand: Take a stand for the things of God. (2 Tim 4:7) *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

Every one of these points are needed.

From pastor to pew, if you want to help build your church, I still would encourage you to read the book of Acts and to invest yourself in the ways listed above