

I Am a Member A Member helps make the Church Healthy.

My understanding of what the church and church membership is will shape my life, my living and my church. ~adapted from Jonathan Leeman, in Rediscovering Church

It's a church that continually seeks to conform itself to God's Word. ... A healthy church congregation that increasingly reflects God's character as his character has been revealed in his Word. ~Mark Dever, What is a Healthy Church? (pg. 40)

• Philippians 2:1-8

1. Make the church healthy; be _____.

A. Know what the Gospel is. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4,

B. Know the Gospel is what people need most.

C. Know the Gospel is life changing.

• 2 Corinthians 5:17, Luke 6:44-45

2. Make the church healthy; be _____.

• Romans 12:3-6

➤ Humility is not a low view of self; it is a proper view of self.

➤ How often do I put someone, you, before me.

3. Make the church healthy; be a

_____ not a _____.

A. Be like minded.



➤ Unity cannot exist in thought if it does not exist in words and deeds.

B. Be united in soul.

C. Be united in purpose. John 17:20-21

➤ How much importance do I put on unity; is it as much as Paul, as much as Jesus, as much as God?

I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am a member in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Saviour went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that just aren't my preference or style. ~Thom Rainer, I am a Church Member (pg. 41)

I will seek to be a source of unity in my church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel. ~Thom Rainer, I am a Church Member (pg. 30)

➤ The quickest, easiest, simplest and most effective ways to damage, or destroy a church is sow, cause, or spread disunity.

4. Make the church healthy; be an

_____. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

We were not part of a church to see what we could get out of it. We were part of the church to serve and care for others. ... And if someone did something that disappointed or frustrated us that was God's way of telling us to pray for that person. ... Christ died on the cross for people who rebelled against Him. We should be able, therefore, to love the seemingly unlovable at our church. ~Thom Rainer, I am a Church Member (pg. 57)

In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity. ~Rupertus Meldenius, in a tract on Christian unity (circa 1627)

How can I make P.B.C. _____?

