

What Does the Bible Say About:

the healthy church|



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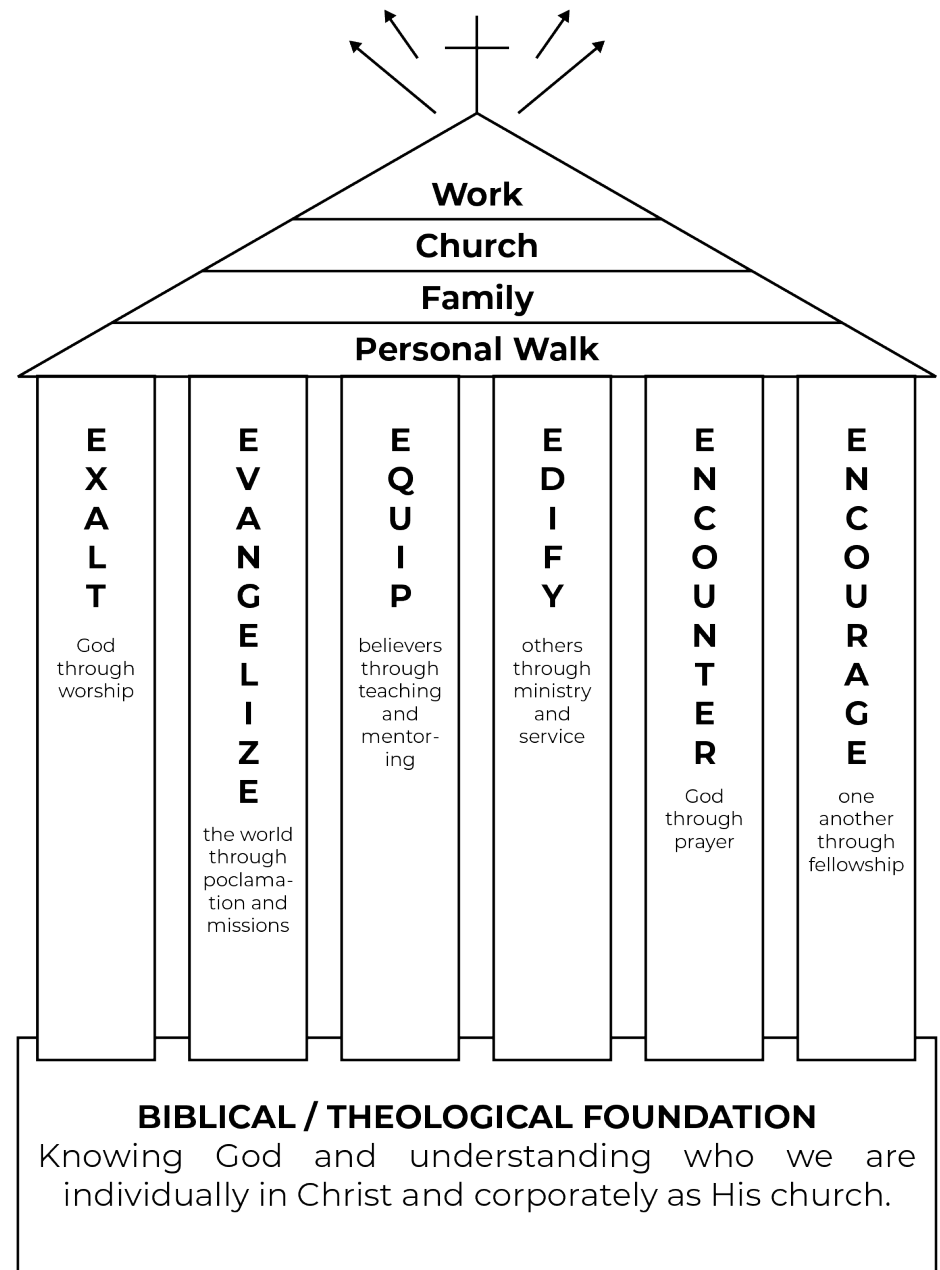
Spiritual warfare is the ongoing battle between the church and the devil and his forces, with the church standing in the armor of God, defensively resisting the devil, and offensively proclaiming the gospel in a battle already won. - William F. Cook III and Chuck Lawless

At the risk of oversimplifying Satan's strategies, he wants believers to *mess up, give up, get puffed up, or split up*—all so that we might ignore walking in the will of God. - Thomas Ice and Robert Dean Jr.

“All the enemy desires for the believer is to keep them down, and all the enemy desires for the unbeliever is to keep them his!” - Pastor Joey

Ephesians 4:11-16, NASB – *“And [Christ] gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ, ¹⁶from which the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*”

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Chuck Lawless, *Disciplined Warriors* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002), 25.

“Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” - Acts 19:15