

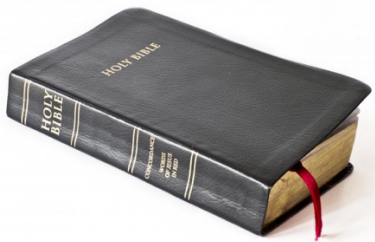
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Shepherds vs. Hirelings IV Apostle Tony Wade Signs of a Healthy Church

Healthy churches have a spiritual growth atmosphere. God's word is the foundation for the doctrine (teaching) of the house. The truth of God's word is evident in the life's of the leadership. Biblical principles are adhered to and applied in the lives of the believers (shepherds, watchmen, and sheep). The congregants walk in unity and peace as well as handle conflict God's way. When issues arise, the church has protocols of discipline that are followed.



God's word will not return void!

Signs of a Healthy Church

1. *Walk in unity and peace with each other and handle conflict God's way.*

Ephesians 4: 13 – 16

- A. Growth requires maturity. Mature believers are able to rightly divide the word of truth. Mature believers have moved from milk to meat. Mature believers are able to walk in unity and peace. Children stay divided and are feed milk. Immature churches are divided.

- a. Are you able to walk in unity and peace with others? Explain.
- b. Do you handle conflict God's way?

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 24

- A. God's word is good pasture and designed to grow you spiritually. Shepherds are to teach the truth of God's word.
 - a. What kind of student are you?
 - b. Are you a good student of the word?
 - c. Is the fruit of what's being taught evident in your life? (Are others able to see Jesus in you?)
 - d. Do you live God's word in your public life?
- B. DLC's mission comes from verse Ezekiel 34: 16
 - a. Reach the lost.
 - b. Bring back the scattered.
 - c. Heal the broken hearted.
 - d. Strengthen the weak.
 - i. Do you echo the mission of DLC?
 - ii. How is the mission exemplified in your life?
- C. Leadership (shepherds) should operate with principles and values rooted in truth. Believers are to hear and apply the word in their daily life. God's truth is the baseline for all decisions and the guide for life's situations.
 - a. How do you apply the word in the following:
 - i. Marriage
 - ii. Work
 - iii. Family
 - iv. Social Media

