

# Divine Life Church Worship & Training Center

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## Shepherd vs. Hireling Signs of a Healthy Church Part 2 Apostle Tony Wade

### A. A Healthy Church Loves Jesus.

**John 14:15, 21**

1. A healthy church loves Jesus. Believers who love Jesus keep His commandments.
  - ⇒ What is your reputation?
  - ⇒ When you don't want to do what God asks of you, does your love for Him prevail against your feelings?
  - ⇒ Are Jesus' words a burden to you?

### B. A Healthy Church Endures Persecution For Christ's Sake.

**II Timothy 3: 12 & Matthew 5: 10, 11, 44 & 45**

2. Whenever an individual takes a stand for the Lord, he/she will suffer persecution for righteousness sake. Persecution is when you're asked to do something that goes against what God says.
  - ⇒ Does a fear of persecution keep you from taking a stand for righteousness?
  - ⇒ Have you suffered persecution?
  - ⇒ Do you have misplaced persecution? Are you a good witness at your job?
3. Believers are to love, bless, and pray for those who wrong them. These actions demonstrate that you are a "son" and shows what is in your heart.
  - ⇒ Do you allow the enemy to hijack your heart?
  - ⇒ In what ways have you had to bless those who wronged you?

**Luke 6: 22**

4. As you consecrate yourself and live for the Lord, others will exclude you. Stay firm in your Godly stance.
  - ⇒ Do you allow the actions of unrighteous people to compromise who you are?
  - ⇒ Are you comfortable being an outcast?

### C. A Healthy Church Lives A Holy & Sanctified Life.

**1 Peter 1: 13 - 21**

5. Our conduct is our manner of living. Believers should have "BC" (before Christ) days. Jesus has called us to live a holy lifestyle. We should choose to be holy because of our love and reverential fear of God.

- ⇒ Do you still live like you did before you were saved?
- ⇒ Does the fear of the Lord dominate your life?

6. Once a person is born again, Holy Spirit frees him/her, and the sin nature is broken. He/She is no longer bound by sin and is free to make choices.
  - ⇒ Do you or have you chosen to go back into bondage?

**Ephesians 5: 26 – 27**

7. Until an individual changes his/her mindset about sin, he/she will not be able to live a sanctified life. We must change our mind because God is returning for a church without a spot or wrinkle.
  - ⇒ What does your garment currently look like?

**Revelations 3: 1 – 6**

8. God is merciful and long-suffering, but His mercy has a time limit. Judgement will come. If we don't pay attention (spiritually) and repent quickly, God's judgment will be on us like a thief. Judgement doesn't always mean you are going to hell. Judgement comes in various forms including lost finances, lost relationships, and lost influence.
  - ⇒ Are you binding the devil for something, but you are really being judged by God because of your rebellion and disobedience to His will for your life?
  - ⇒ Are you living your own will for your life or the will of God for your life?
9. We can't deceive God. You can't practice sin and think you're going to be with Jesus. Your name can be removed (blotted out) from the Book of Life. "*He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments*". Overcomes is plural meaning it is a continual process. It's a blessing to live a lifestyle with undefiled garments.
  - ⇒ Do you take your salvation seriously? Do you try to justify your sin?
  - ⇒ What happens to those with defiled garments?
  - ⇒ Do you want to be rewarded for an unfinished race?
  - ⇒ Do you realize you are saved and being saved?

**D. A Healthy Church Loves The Word, Receives The Word, And Obeys The Word.**

**Psalm 138: 2**  
**James 1: 22 – 26**

10. The Bible is a living word. If you are a hearer of the word only, you deceive yourself. God speaks to us through the word.
- ⇒ Do you allow God to speak to you or is the Bible just a book of stories?
  - ⇒ How has God spoken to you through His word?

**E. A Healthy Church Honors Holy Spirit.**

**Mark 3: 22 – 29**

11. Blaspheme is dishonoring Holy Spirit or attributing His works to the devil. Without Holy Spirit there is no work being completed in the church. The Father & Son are in Heaven. Holy Spirit is in the earth working on us and through us to fulfill the will of God. Holy Spirit touches the filthy areas of your life, but free-will decides if you will allow Him to do it.
- ⇒ Do you allow Holy Spirit to “touch” areas in your life and obey in that area?

**1 Corinthians 2: 9 - 13**

12. When we spend time with Holy Spirit, he reveals the things of God to us. We should not allow our intellect to negate what Holy Spirit tells us to do. When we honor Holy Spirit, he will show us the heart of others and they will not be able to deceive us. When you honor Holy Spirit, He will get you out of every situation.
- ⇒ When has Holy Spirit prevent you from being deceived or gotten you out of a specific situation?

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