CORINTHANS Characteristics of a healthy church

Chapter 10 pt2

The Healthy Church

- 1. Keep the main thing, the main thing! = Jesus (His death, his resurrection)
- 2. The Gospel = wisdom of God & the power of God
- 3. Holy Spirit = Key to growth & transformation work in the you & the church!
- 4. Strives for, righteousness, holiness & purity

The Healthy Church

- 5. Understands that biblically <u>loving</u>
 <u>God & loving others</u> is the
 foundation of the church one
 does not negate the other!
- 6. Gains biblical knowledge to build up the body in love not puff itself up or to lord over others
- 7. Doesn't fight for personal rights, but seeks right relationships and right living!

The Healthy Church

- 8. Offers the Gospel for free!
- 9. Is Humble and Vigilant in their relationship with God, each other and the world around them!



6 Ways the Church can be Humble & Vigilant

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"[21] "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. [22] On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' [23] And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."

Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

Jesus spoke this to the religious leaders:

"[39] You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, [40] yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."

John 5:39-40 ESV

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- Constantly develop your relationship with Jesus (Jn 15) = Recognize Privilege & Piety are not insurance against spiritual failure
- 2. Purposefully Training to Develop strong Faith 2 Peter 1:3-15
- (v11) Heed Warnings follow good examples
- 4. Seek the way Out of temptation and stand firm!



6 Ways the Church can be Humble & Vigilant

- 5. Partake of & identify with Jesus not the world
- 6. Always Seek the Good, Constructive & God glorifying Be the example!
 - Small compromises lead to big failures!
- 7. Always Thankful for what Christ has done!