# MARKS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

#### What makes a church healthy?

# 1. You have leaders that work hard to motivate and inspire the church

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, (12)

### 2. You have a church that appreciates and respects the leaders

and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. (13)

#### 3. You have a church that encourages and helps the weakest members

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. (14)

### 4. You have members that forgive and protect one another

See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. (15)