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# Healthy Church: Unhealthy World

## Healthy Disciples Make Healthy Churches Part 1

### Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37

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#### Sermon Summary

Healthy Disciples make Healthy Churches. Disciples that are unhealthy make churches unhealthy. Jesus instructs His disciples to prioritize what will make them healthy. The first church, gathered in Jerusalem, was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and was arguably the healthiest church that has ever existed. It was filled with Healthy Disciples. Let us prioritize to become Healthy Disciples in order for our church to be Healthy!

#### Diving Into The Message

*So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.* **Matthew 7:17-20**

#### **Healthy Disciples bear good fruit**

#### **Healthy Churches bear good fruit**

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.* **Acts 2:42-47**

*Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.* **Acts 4:32-37**

### **1. Prioritize The Word of God**

- Healthy Disciples Care More About The Word of God Than Any Earthly Thing

Mark 4:18-20

### **2. Prioritize Prayer**

- Healthy Disciples Care More About Prayer than Eating and Sleeping.

Luke 3:21

Luke 23:46

### **3. Prioritize The Gospel**

- Healthy Disciples Care More About the Gospel than Their Own Lives

Luke 9:23

### **4. Prioritize Following Jesus**

- Healthy Disciples Care More About Following Jesus than Family or Business

### **5. Prioritize the Holy Spirit**

- Healthy Disciples Care More About the Holy Spirit than Self-Made Religion

Colossians 2:16-23

Acts 1:8

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# LIFE APPLICATION SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### Life Application Questions

1. Name and describe a healthy disciple you have known.
2. Describe character traits of an unhealthy disciple. (Galatians 5:19-21)
3. Describe character traits of a healthy disciple. (Galatians 5:22-23)
4. Do you desire to be a healthy disciple? Why?
5. *To become a healthy disciple will require discipline and it will require time and patience. What are you willing to sacrifice to prioritize the time to become a healthy disciple?*
6. *Healthy Disciples make Healthy Disciples make Healthy Churches. There are no Healthy Churches without Healthy Disciples. Who wins when you become a Healthy Disciple?*
7. Of the five priorities from Acts 2 & 4 identified in this weekends sermon, which one will you focus on first? *The Word of God, Prayer, The Gospel, Following Jesus, The Holy Spirit.*
8. Wha next step do you need to take to become a healthier Disciple?