

# Marks of an Effective Church, Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

- A. We ought to have a great concern for the church. (Acts 20).
- B. There is a desire to know how the church should function.
- C. Marks of the successful church include...

## II. A plurality of godly leadership.

- A. Christ is the head of the church, and all He needs is holy people for the church to function.
- B. The primary ingredient for leadership is holiness. (I Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-10)

1. Above reproach.
2. One woman men.
3. Temperate.
4. Prudent.
5. Respectable.
6. Hospitable.
7. Apt to teach, both teachable and able to teach others.
8. Not addicted to wine.
9. Not self-willed.
10. Not quick tempered.
11. Not pugnacious.
12. Not contentious.
13. Gentle.
14. Free from the love of money.
15. Managing one's house well.
16. A good reputation with nonbelievers.

17. Loving what is good.

18. Just.

19. Devout.

20. Not a new convert.

III. Functional goals and objectives.

A. The biblical object is to be established.

B. Functional goals are to be established to achieve biblical goals. (Proverbs 16:9, Acts)

IV. Discipling people by teaching them to apply Scripture to life, make the Bible real to life, and develop biblical problem solving skills.

V. Reaching people for Christ in the community. (Acts 14:1, 16)

VI. An aggressive group of ministering people. (Ephesians 4, Romans 12:3)

**Application questions:**

1. Which one of the leadership qualities would you like to spend time developing the most? What is your plan?

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2. Why are functional goals necessary for the church?

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3. How can one get all the people in the church to participate in the ministry? Explain.

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