

“Traits of a Healthy Church”
1 Corinthians 16

I. Generosity

A. Concerning the Collection

Acts 4:32-35

And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 11:28

One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius.

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Seven Deadly Sins

Lust

Gluttony

Greed

Laziness

Wrath

Envy

Pride

*Greed hides itself from the victim. The money
god's modus operandi includes blindness to
your own heart. - Tim Keller*

God judges what we give by what we keep.

- George Mueller

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II. Missional

“The local church was intended by Jesus to be a gathering of people full of faith – strong in their confidence in him – not a gathering of religious folk who desperately need reassurance. Perhaps, seeking personal comfort is not wrong in itself. But it is desperately wrong when it becomes the primary reason for the existence of the local church. When that happens, the local church is no living fellowship at all, but a retreat center where anxious people draw resources that enable them merely to cope with the pains of life. The church then becomes a religious cushion.”

- Jack Miller

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A. Church Defined by Her Mission

B. Corinthians Involvement in Missions

III. Uncompromising Commitment to the Truth

A. Warning

B. Need for Courage

IV. Love

V. Humility

"The world has yet to see what God will do with a man who is fully committed to him."

- Henry Varley

I shall never forget the sense of guilt and sin that possessed me over that business. I was miserable. Was I practically saying to the Lord Jesus, "Unless the prosperity of your church and people comes in this neighborhood by me, success had better not come"? Was I really showing inability to rejoice in another worker's service? I felt that it was a sin of a very hateful character. I never asked the Lord to take away my life either before or since, but I did then, unless his grace would give me victory over this foul image of jealousy.