

# HEALTHY CHURCH

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## When is our Church Healthy?

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### **Our Church is Healthy when...**

- everyone is rooted in Jesus Christ
- everyone is functioning properly

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- everyone works
- everyone builds others up in love
- everyone grows

## EVERYONE & ONE ANOTHER

### EVERYONE

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. Colossians 1:28-29 ESV

As everyone has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

EVERYONE is needed to grow a Healthy Church!

#### — EVERYONE IS A MINISTER

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints (everyone) for the work of ministry, **for building up the body of Christ...** Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV

#### — EVERYONE IS A MISSIONARY

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” John 20:21 ESV

#### — EVERYONE IS A PRIEST

...**you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** 1 Peter 2:5 ESV

## ONE ANOTHER

Everyone is needed to help others to grow a Healthy Church!

- **"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."** John 15:12 ESV
- that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 1 Corinthians 12:25 ESV
- **...but through love** serve one another. Galatians 5:13 ESV
- Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 ESV
- Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 ESV
- Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV
- But exhort one another **every day, as long as it is called "today,"** that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:13 ESV
- And let us consider how to stir up one another **to love and good works...** Hebrews 10:24 ESV
- Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another... James 5:16 ESV
- Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:9 ESV