



## Common Traits of Healthy Churches

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In a healthy church,

1. There are seasons of prayer for the unsaved. (Acts 2:40-47)  
Podcast resource: <https://gfamissions.org/pages/for-pastors/podcastdetail/1/108/>
2. The senior pastor is actively involved in one-on-one ministry and in the community; he sets the example for others to follow. (Acts 20:28)  
Podcast resource: <https://gfamissions.org/the-power-of-the-gospel/>
3. A percentage of missions money is designated for local outreach, and the leadership uses the church budget to cast a vision to reach the community. For example, *What could we do with an additional \$10,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or \$250,000?* (Acts 1:8)  
Podcast resource: <https://gfamissions.org/rethinking-church-finances/>
4. There are active women's ministries (most churches have more women than men). The women's ministries are not necessarily programs or even Bible studies but rather maintain a focus on women helping women. (Titus 2:1, 3-5)
5. There is an intentional assimilation process that begins with a Pastors' Intro Class. Newcomers are challenged spiritually and encouraged to join the church and become disciple-makers. Guests are assigned to a disciple-maker in the church to complete the discipleship material. (Heb 5:12-14)  
Podcast resource: <https://gfamissions.org/pages/for-pastors/podcastdetail/1/133/>
6. A fresh website serves as the front door for the community. A church's website is not for the church; it is for the community.  
Podcast resource: <https://gfamissions.org/how-effective-is-your-church-s-website/>
7. Men are mentoring men to teach them how to lead their families and their local church. (1 Tim 2:2; Titus 2:1-2, 6-8)  
Podcast resource: <https://gfamissions.org/fulfilling-the-command-to-train-others/>
8. Members are equipped and are doing ministry; disciple-making does not fall exclusively on the pastor, deacons, and/or staff. *Equipped disciples are continually making disciples.* (Eph 4:11-12; Titus 3:8)
9. The preaching is expository and practical; it is strong enough to help people grow but simple enough for new believers to understand. (Acts 20:28)  
Podcast resource on pastor as preacher with Mark Minnick: <https://gfamissions.org/preparing-to-preach/>

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