

Steps To Building A Strong Church

Building A Strong Church

Is the local church you have joined yourself to a strong church? Explain your answer.

1. What Is A Local Church?

Identify some common misconceptions of the local church and explain why they are misconceptions.

What is the local church?

2. Not Every Local Church Is A Strong Church

What did Jesus say about the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7)?

What did Jesus say about the church at Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11)?

What did Jesus say about the church at Pergamos (Revelation 2:12-17)?

What did Jesus say about the church at Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29)?

What did Jesus say about the church at Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)?

What did Jesus say about the church at Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13)?

What did Jesus say about the church at Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22)?

Provide some general observations from Revelation 2-3.

3. The Definition Of A Strong Church

Identify some things that do not make a church strong.

Identify some things that do make a church strong.

4. Why Every Church Needs To Be A Strong Church

What is the church if it is not a strong church?

What are some of the spiritual consequences if a church is not a strong church?

What are some spiritual benefits if a church is a strong church?

5. Steps To Building A Strong Church

List some essential steps to building a strong church.

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Step #1: Be Dedicated To Accomplishing The Lord's Will

What is the central theme of the book of Nehemiah?

1. Recognize The Work That Needs Done

What did Nehemiah and the Jews in Jerusalem recognize about the work that needed done with the walls of Jerusalem?

What is the work God has given to the local church?

Do you recognize the work that needs done?

2. Rise And Build

What did Nehemiah and the Jews in Jerusalem determine to do once they recognized the work that needed done?

What should you determine to do once you recognize the work God has given the local church to do?

Will you rise and build?

3. Teamwork

What contribution did each of the Jews in Jerusalem make to rebuilding the wall?

Why is it important to work together in the local church?

Are you doing your part in building?

4. Persevere

What kinds of obstacles did Nehemiah and the Jews in Jerusalem face?

What kinds of obstacles will the local church face?

Will you endure the trials that come?

5. Finish The Work

Was the wall around Jerusalem completed? Explain.

Why must every local church complete its work?

Will you be committed to finishing the work?

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Step #2: Grow Individually

What connection does growing individually have on a congregation becoming stronger?

1. Increase Your Love For God

Why should you love God?

What does it mean to love God?

How can you increase your love for God?

2. Increase Your Faith

What is faith?

What areas of your life do you need faith in?

How can you increase your faith?

3. Increase Your Love For Others

What does it mean to love others?

Who must you love?

How can you increase your love for others?

4. Increase Your Knowledge

Does God expect your knowledge to increase? Explain.

What will an increasing knowledge of God's word accomplish?

How can you increase your knowledge of God's word?

5. Increase Your Fruit

Does God expect you to produce fruit? Explain.

What kind of fruit does God expect your life to produce?

How can you increase your fruit?

6. Increase Your Holiness

Does God expect you to be holy? What does it mean to be holy?

What areas of your life does God expect you to be holy in?

How can you increase your holiness?

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Step #3: Active Participation

What level of active participation does a congregation need from its members for it to function at its maximum capacity?

1. What Is Church Membership?

What does it mean to be a member of the universal church and the local church?

How is local church membership both a blessing and a mutual commitment?

2. What Every Joint Supplies

How does Ephesians 4:11-16 demonstrate the importance of active participation from every member of a local church?

How does 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 demonstrate the importance of active participation from every member of a local church?

3. Areas In Which Every Member Must Participate

What is the responsibility for every local church member to participate in the assemblies of the church?

What is the responsibility for every local church member to participate in the work of the church?

What is the responsibility for every local church member to participate in the fellowship of the church?

4. The Problem Of Lukewarm Members

What are "lukewarm members"?

Why are there lukewarm members?

What does the Bible teach about lukewarm Christians/members of a local church?

How should a local church deal with lukewarm members?

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Step #4: Be United In Sound Doctrine

What principle about division and unity did Jesus establish in Luke 11:14-23?

1. Doctrine Matters!

Are all doctrines right?

Whose doctrine is right? What does this doctrine include?

What is the importance of right doctrine?

What is the importance of the church holding to right doctrine?

2. The Church Must Be United In Sound Doctrine

What can you learn about unity from John 17:20-23?

What can you learn about unity from 1 Corinthians 1:10?

What can you learn about unity from Ephesians 4:1-6?

What can you learn about unity from Philippians 1:27?

3. We Can Be United In Sound Doctrine

How can Christians be united upon the teachings of God's word?

What is "unity in diversity"? Is it true unity? Why or why not?

Identify five obstacles Satan uses to divide those who want to follow Jesus Christ.

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Step #5: Love One Another

How is love crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1. We Are Commanded to Love One Another

Explain God's command to love one another in John 13:34-35.

Explain God's command to love one another in Hebrews 13:1.

Explain God's command to love one another in 1 Peter 4:8.

Explain God's command to love one another in 1 John 3:10-15.

Explain God's command to love one another 1 John 4:20-21.

2. What It Means To Love One Another

Explain how 1 John 4:7-11 helps you understand what it means to love your brethren.

Explain how 1 John 3:16-18 helps you understand what it means to love your brethren.

Explain how 1 Corinthians 13 helps you understand what it means to love your brethren.

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Step #6: Engage In Bible Fellowship

How is engaging in Bible fellowship crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1. What Is Bible Fellowship?

Discuss the picture of Bible fellowship given in Acts 2:42-47.

What is the basis of our fellowship?

Describe the spiritual relationship Christians have with God and with one another?

Contrast physical and spiritual fellowship? Which is true Bible fellowship? Why is it preferable?

2. Things Involved In Bible Fellowship

List and briefly explain some “one another” responsibilities involved in this fellowship.

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How is worship involved in Bible fellowship?

How is work involved in Bible fellowship?

3. Individual Requirements For Bible Fellowship

Why must you be actively engaged in this fellowship?

Why is an approachable personality important to this fellowship?

Why is a transparent lifestyle important to this fellowship?

Why is a selfless attitude important to this fellowship?

Why is a commitment to being together with brethren important to this fellowship?

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Step #7: Be Scripturally Organized

How is being Scripturally organized crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1. Elders

What are the qualifications for being an elder?

What is the work of elders?

2. Deacons

What are the qualifications for being a deacon?

What is the work of deacons?

3. Saints

What are the qualifications for being a saint?

What is the work of saints?

4. Evangelists

What are the qualifications for being an evangelist?

What is the work of evangelists?

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Step #8: Keep The Church Pure

How is purity crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1. Keep Yourself Pure

What is your responsibility to personal purity?

How can you keep yourself pure?

2. Insist That The Pure Word Of God Is Taught

How pure is God's word?

What is necessary for the pure word of God to be taught?

3. Watch Who Is Accepted In

Does a church have the right to decide who is received into the church?

How is carefulness in this area connected to unity?

4. Put Away Impurity

What does 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 teach about putting away impurity from among a local church?

What does 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15 teach about putting away impurity from among a local church?

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Step #9: Be Dedicated To Worshiping God

How is a dedication to worship God crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1. Be Dedicated To True Worship

How is worship about the Object of worship?

What kind of worshiper is God seeking? Is every attempt to worship pleasing to God?

What does it mean to worship God in spirit?

What does it mean to worship God in truth?

2. Worshiping God In The Assemblies Of The Local Church

Are local churches authorized to assemble together? What is the purpose of these assemblies?

Explain how local churches can worship God in spirit and truth through praying.

Explain how local churches can worship God in spirit and truth through singing.

Explain how local churches can worship God in spirit and truth through gospel teaching.

Explain how local churches can worship God in spirit and truth through the collection.

Explain how local churches can worship God in spirit and truth through the Lord's Supper.

3. How To Improve Your Worship

Identify some things that do not improve your worship.

Identify some things that do improve your worship.

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Step #10: Be Zealous For Good Works

How is a zeal for good works crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1. What It Means To Be Zealous

List some example of zeal.

Why is it important to properly channel zeal?

2. Why We Should Be Zealous

How is should your zeal be connected with the sacrifice of Christ?

How should your zeal be connected with pleasing God?

3. Zeal In The Local Church

How should zeal be present in the local church regarding the work of the local church?

How should zeal be present in the local church regarding the assemblies of the local church?

4. Zeal In The Lives Of Christians

How should zeal be present in the lives of Christians for every good work?

How should zeal be present in the lives of Christians for purity?

How should zeal be present in the lives of Christians for worshiping God?

How should zeal be present in the lives of Christians for fulfilling our roles?

5. How To Create And Maintain Zeal

List some things that you should recognize that will impact your zeal for God.

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Step #11: Be Faithful Stewards

How is faithful stewardship crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1. Jesus' Parable Of The Talents

Where is this parable found?

What does this parable discuss and what does it mean?

What are some lessons you learn from this parable?

2. We Are Stewards!

What purpose have you been created to fulfill?

Why do you belong to Jesus Christ?

What work have you been given to accomplish? Why should you accomplish this work?

List some things you are a steward of:

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3. Evaluating Ourselves

How many kinds of stewards are there? What are they?

Are you a faithful steward? Are you helping the local church practice faithful stewardship?

Are you an unfaithful stewardship? Are you helping the local church practice unfaithful stewardship?

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Step #12: Be Steadfast

How is being steadfast crucial to the strength and well-being of any local church?

1) Areas In Which We Must Be Steadfast

How does Satan try to hinder us from serving God through trials?

How does Satan try to hinder us from serving God through temptations?

How does Satan try to hinder us from serving God through persecution?

How does Satan try to hinder us from holding to the doctrine of Christ?

How does Satan try to hinder us from doing good works?

How does Satan try to hinder us from praying to God?

How does Satan try to hinder us from showing love?

2. Keys To Remaining Steadfast

How will remembering that God is greater than Satan help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering that trial can make us stronger help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering that others have endured hardship help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering that there is victory in Jesus help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering to put on the whole armor of God help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering that we are not alone help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering that all things work together for good help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering that we will reap what we sow help us remain steadfast?

How will remembering the cost of falling help us remain steadfast?

