

# What are the Signs of a Healthy Church?

I Thessalonians 1:3-5

Introduction: John 15:4-8; Galatians 5:22 & I Thessalonians 3:9-13

## I. Make Sure Your Faith is Growing - v3

A. Faith begins as an acceptance of T\_\_\_\_\_ - Hebrews 11:1.

1. A will's conditions & promises.
2. The Lord's conditions & promises.

B. Faith matures as T\_\_\_\_\_ - I Peter 5:7.

## II. Make Sure Your Love is Growing - v3

A. Biblical love starts out as a D\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Meaning of the word.

- a. Love # 1 = "I love H\_\_\_\_\_".
- b. Love # 2 = "I love my W\_\_\_\_\_".
- c. Love # 3 = "I love my F\_\_\_\_\_".
- d. Love # 4 = "I want to give to S\_\_\_\_\_ Christians in Darfur".

2. Why is this type of love given?

3. This type of love can be C\_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 5:44 & 25:40.

B. Love matures by becoming a J\_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Make Sure Your Endurance Overcomes Your Persecution - v4

A. How should Christians endure trials?

1. What are the two ways to endure tragedy?
2. How do many Christians deal with grief?

B. What do you become when you are successful?

## IV. The Results of Developing These Character Traits in Your Church - v5

A. They are evidence of a T\_\_\_\_\_ life!

B. They are evidence of your W\_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of God.

1. What this is not - Ephesians 2:8-9.
2. What this is - James 2:26.
3. The reason why - Ephesians 2:10.

C. They are evidence that God's J\_\_\_\_\_ is right.

1. Will Christians go through this? - Matthew 16:27
2. Some say "No" because of John 3:18.
3. But - how about John 3:21?
4. What's a possible answer? - Matthew 7:21 & Romans 6:4

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