**BEING A HEALTHY CHURCH**

Truths that Transform – Part 5

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**Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)**   
Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

**2 Peter 2:1-22 – Scripture Reading**

I want to spend a few moments thinking about this issue of false teachers. As a preacher, I find this passage terrifying — I don't want to be the man Peter describes.

1. **An Exaggerated Emphasis On Money**
2. **A Refusal To Submit To Authority**
3. **They Don’t Walk The Talk**
4. **Outside The Mainstream Of Christian Thought and Fellowship**

My Thoughts on a Healthy Church

**C ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­limate Of Acceptance**

**Romans 15:7 (NLT2)**   
Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

**L** **ove Is The Standard**

**John 13:34-35 (NIV)**   
 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**I** **mpact Preaching**

**James 1:22 (NLT2)**   
But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

**F** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­**amilies Are Strengthened**

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NLT2)**   
And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

**F** **lexibility Is Key**

**Luke 5:37 (NLT2)**   
“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins.

**D** **riven By Purpose**

Matt. 22:36-40 Matt. 28:19-20

**A** **ffinity Groups (Small or Life Groups as we call them now)**

**Acts 5:42 (NCV)**   
Every day in the Temple and in people’s homes they continued teaching the people and telling the Good News—that Jesus is the Christ.

**L** **eadership That Models**

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**E** **very Member A Minister**

**Romans 12:5-6 (NIV)**   
so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.