

THE MARKS OF AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH

I. A PLURALITY OF GODLY LEADERS

A. God lines in leadership is needed – both men and women.

1. Christ is the head of the church. Christ wants to use holy people to rule His church. Choose people who walk with the Lord.
2. Unholy people get in the way.

B. To Be a Leader in the Church One Must be a Man of God

1. God has always used Godly men
2. Holiness is needed
 - a. It takes time to make a man of God.

C. Qualities of a Godly Leader

1. Above reproach – unblameable
2. Husband of one wife – love their wives
3. Temperate – looks at life from God's viewpoint
4. Prudent – sober minded – humble
5. Respectable – a well arranged life
6. Hospitable – order door policy – to love strangers
7. Apt to teach – teachable – able to communicate – gentle, meek
8. Not addicted to wine
9. Not self-willed – concerned about others – has a servant's heart
10. Not quick tempered

11. Not pugnacious – not a physical fighter
12. Not contentious – not one who likes to argue
13. Gentle – like Moses
14. Free from the love of money
15. One who manages his house well – has his children under control
16. A good reputation with unbelievers
17. Not a new convert

II. FUNCTIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Definition:

1. People with no goals are people with no direction
2. If you don't know where you are going, then you don't know when you have gotten there.
3. There has to be a goal, so that you know what you have attained. We must have clear-cut objectives. We must know what to accomplish. (Howard Henricks says: "The reason we think we are doing so well is because we don't know what we are doing.")

B. Biblical Objectives Must be First

1. Win – Teach
 - a. See people converted; See people mature – preach – teach – win – train – win
 - b. We want to mature our people – we want strong families – we want a unified people

Proverbs 16:9 "The mind of man plans his ways, but The Lord directs his steps."
We lay the plans, but God chooses the direction.

C. Evangelism – How we are going to accomplish it