

+ the gospel of an annual checkup

“While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and ‘sinners’ came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?’ On hearing this, Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’” Matthew 9:10-13

8 characteristics of healthy churches

Loving Relationships
Need-Oriented Evangelism
Holistic Small Groups
Inspiring Worship
Effective Structure
Passionate Spirituality
Gift-Based Ministry
Empowering Leadership

passionate spirituality: the degree to which my faith is actually lived out with commitment, passion, and enthusiasm

how do we “fix” the problem?

- 1 _____ is the key
- 2 only way to trust God is to _____
- 3 only way to know Him is to get to _____

✓ the devil’s most consistently effective act is to _____: so busy with the _____ that the _____ gets left undone

4 I need to spend a little more time wondering how I _____ God, and a little less time being _____ that I do.

“Healthy people don’t need a doctor; those who are sick do... I’ve come to call sinners, not people who think they don’t have any flaws.” Matthew 9:12-13 GW

- *sing like you mean it and your heart will follow*
- *pray like you know that God will hear and answer and your outlook will be changed*
- *read the bible to see God and His message there... and it will be*
- *share your faith like it really is good news... and that’s what it becomes*