Indicators

"How to Recognize an Unhealthy Church"

1. They Don't Rely on the Whole Bible (vv. 3-4a)

2. They Are Competitive Toward Other Churches (vv. 4b-5a)

3. They Are Always Talking About Money (v. 5b)

Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. ***PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).***

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?
To learn more or join a group, visit **pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/** or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.
A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at **pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons**.

MONDAY // Read 1 Timothy 6:3-4a, 1:3-4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12

- What foundational truth does Paul provide to Timothy to keep the Ephesian church healthy?
- In what way had this been violated? What was the result? How do you see this playing out in churches today?
- What does this highlight about picking a church home? How can this get confused? (i.e., ends justify the means)

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 6:3-4a, Matthew 23:24, Proverbs 16:18, Romans 3:23-24

- In what way does pride (puffed up) mark an unhealthy church? How does Paul relate this to spiritual knowledge?
- Explain the important distinction between being a "smart" church and a godly church. Give an example.
- How have you seen this happen? How can this be a risk for you? How can you protect yourself? (i.e., know vs do)

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 6:4b-5a, Galatians 5:19-24

- In what way does Paul highlight the fruit of an unhealthy church? How is it ultimately fruit of the flesh?
- How does this relate to spiritual competition? Why is a competitive spirit a spiritually destructive attitude?
- How can this get cloaked in spiritual success (i.e., big church, best pastor, etc.) How does this adjust you?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 6:4b-5a, Matthew 23:1-29

- In what way were the Pharisees spiritually competitive? What was the result of this attitude? Be specific.
- How would you describe today's culture in terms of competition? What can happen if this creeps into the church?
- What is a key indicator of Pharisaism taking place in a church? How would you describe PCC regarding this truth?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 6:5b, 10, Hebrews 13:5

- What does Paul highlight as being a motive for unhealthy leadership in a church? How is this usually revealed?
- Given we live in a materialistic society, how can this same attitude creep into the church? Give an example.
- Why is money always going to be a sinful temptation that needs to be monitored? How does this challenge you?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 6:5b, Acts 8:14-23

- How did God use Peter and John to spiritually baptize new believers? How did Simeon try to capitalize on it?
- In what way did Peter handle the situation? How does this apply to the situation in 1 Tim. 6:5b? Be specific.
- How have you seen church leaders fall into the same trap? How does this indicate an unhealthy church?

MEDITATION VERSE: *3If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness…*

1 Timothy 6:3