

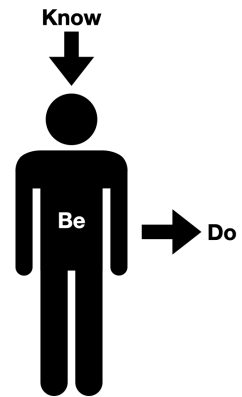
A Healthy Church

What does a healthy church look like? What are our goals at Elmira Baptist Church? When will we know that we have reached it?

A healthy church requires healthy members!

Healthy Christians are Christians who understand the process

- 1) The process is _____ –a change in who you are (Rom. 12:2)
- 2) The process is _____ –that is, the Christian life has pain, trouble, tribulations, obstacles to overcome, people to relate to, pandemics and battles and deaths (Rom. 8:35-37; Acts 14:21-22)
- 3) The process is _____ –it takes time, indeed it is life-long (I Pet. 1:13-14)



Christians who are serious-minded disciples of Jesus

So what else separates those who know from those who live it out?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Commitment that leads to _____ that leads to
_____ that allows _____
_____ with God (Mt. 6:33; Mt. 7:7; II Pet. 3:18)

Commitment

Luke 9:23

- 1) The committed Christian _____ Jesus (I Pet. 2:21; Mark 1:17)
- 2) The committed Christian _____ himself (Rom. 6:11; Gal. 2:20)
- 3) The committed Christian takes up his _____ (Lk. 14:27)

Remember what I said earlier!

Proper priorities

- 1) Committed Christians are **not** _____ by the world (II Tim. 2:4; Mt. 13:22)
- 2) Committed Christians are **not** _____ by threats of loss (Mt. 13:20-21)
- 3) Committed Christians make _____ to walk with God (I Jn. 1:3-4; Luke 9:23)

The results are that Christians's minds are _____ to be distinctively different than those around them (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:22-23)

When our minds are transformed and renewed, we desire to walk in the Spirit and become more keenly aware of His moment-by-moment influence.

Summary from II Corinthians 4:15-18