

The Measure Of A Strong Church

(Hebrews 12:28)

- Introduction:
1. There are many measures of what a strong successful church is.
 2. The health and well-being of our congregation ought to always have our attention, for churches can die (Revelation 3:1).
 3. I believe the measure of a strong church is determined by how well it fulfills its biblical descriptions.
 4. In other words, a strong church is one that...

I. **Functions Like A Body**

- A. The church is the body of Christ – (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- B. As a body, there are many members performing different functions (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:14-22).
- C. In order to be a strong body, every member must do its share (Ephesians 4:15-16).

II. **Loves Like A Family**

- A. The church is the household of God (1 Timothy 3:15).
- B. We must learn to love one another as a family (1 Thess. 4:9-10; 2 Thess. 1:3).
- C. The larger a church is, the harder it becomes to maintain a sense of family.

III. **Praises Like A Temple**

- A. The temple of God was built as a place where people could glorify God.
- B. The church is the temple of God today (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).
- C. We as individuals, are priests offering up spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5).
- D. What is the quality of the spiritual sacrifices we offer up (Malachi 1:6-8)?

IV. **Submits Like A Kingdom**

- A. Christians are citizens in God's kingdom (Col. 1:13).
- B. A kingdom suggests a King, to which subjects submit allegiance and obedience (Matthew 28:19-20).
- C. We must be obedient and walk within the laws Christ gave us (Colossians 3:16).

V. **Is Pure As A Bride**

- A. The church is portrayed as the bride of Christ (2 Cor. 11:1-2; Eph. 5:25-29).
- B. As a bride, we must maintain our purity.
- C. We put on the bridal clothing by the righteous deeds we perform (Rev. 19:6-9).

Conclusion:

1. Such is the measure of a strong church.
2. How each Christian conducts himself/herself will have an effect on the measure of this church.