

Marks of a Great Church!

I. A great church helps people **center** their lives around God.

Leviticus 23:3 – Work may be done for six days, but on the seventh day there is to be a Sabbath of complete rest, a sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; it is a Sabbath to the Lord wherever you live. (CSB)

John 4:24 – God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth. (CSB)

Psalm 68:4 – Sing to God! Sing praises to his name. Exalt him who rides on the clouds—his name is the Lord—and celebrate before him. (CSB)

II. A great church helps people **connect** with other believers.

Romans 12:5 – in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. (CSB)

1 John 4:21 – And we have this command from him: The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister. (CSB)

Ephesians 2:19 – So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. (NLT)

III. A great church helps people **cultivate** spiritual maturity.

2 Peter 1:3-8 – ³His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (CSB)

James 1:4 – And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing. (CSB)

IV. A great church helps people make a **contribution** to others.

2 Timothy 4:5 – But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. (NLT)

Hebrews 6:10 – For God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you demonstrated for his name by serving the saints—and by continuing to serve them. (CSB)

1 Corinthians 15:58 – Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (CSB)

V. A great church helps people communicate God’s message.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 – ¹⁸Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf: “Be reconciled to God.” (CSB)

Philippians 1:17 – Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. (NLT)

Colossians 1:6 – This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace. (NLT)

Thought For The Week:

How are you making your **mark**.