

"The health of the church should be the concern of all Christians, because it does involve the spiritual life of everyone who is a Christian and a member of a church, especially of those called to be leaders in the church. Our churches are to display the glorious Gospel of God to His creation in an amazing variety by all the different personalities He puts in the church and the ways He allows them to relate together and to show His glory. That is what we are called to- we're called to display God and His character in a glorious way to His creation. We are to bring Him glory by our lives together."

⁻Mark Dever, The Nine Marks of a Healthy Church



"It is shocking to me that in some churches today there is little concern for doctrinal truth, not only for the sake of sanctification but also for the sake of protection."

-John MacArthur

"For too long the consumer logic of Christian culture has been: Find a church that meets your needs! Find a church where the worship music moves you, the preaching compels you, and the homogenous community welcomes you! You, you, you.

But that model doesn't work. Not only is it coldly transactional (what have you done for me lately?) and devoid of covenantal commitment, it's also anti-gospel. A true gospel community is not about convenience and comfort and coffee in the gym. It's about pushing each other forward in holiness and striving together for the kingdom, joining along in the ongoing work of the Spirit in this world. Those interested only in their comfort and happiness need not apply. Being the church is difficult."

⁻Brett McCracken, <u>Uncomfortable</u>