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# Welcome to Fellowship!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thur. Feb. 13 ForeRunners Lunch
- Fri. Feb. 14 Valentine Dinner & Date Night
- Sun. Feb. 16 Discover LIFE Membership Class
- Sun. Mar. 2 True Girl Crazy Hair Tour

2025 FX Camp In-House Registration begins Sunday, February 16th. This is for families and volunteers that attend Fellowship. Community-wide registration will open on a later date.

Registration for our Women's Conference in May will begin on February 14th. Visit our website for more details.

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Jesus Christ declared, "I will build my church," but what will that look like? God reveals what every church needs to know and pursue in the timeless truth of 1 Timothy. This morning, we will look at the introduction of this fascinating letter and identify the keys to a thriving church.

Grant Kaul, Senior Pastor

## **The Keys to a Thriving Church**

### **Intentional Church: The Traits of a Church in Love with Christ**

#### **1 Timothy 1:1-5**

Jesus said, "I will build my church". (Matthew 16:18)

*but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.*

1 Timothy 3:15

**What does Christ really intend for His church?**

**Overview outline of 1 Timothy**

**Six Traits Cultivated in a Church in Love with Christ:**

- Ch. 1      Compelled by truth and the love of Christ**
- Ch. 2      Consecrated to holiness**
- Ch. 3      Characterized by godly leaders**
- Ch. 4      Committed to maturity**
- Ch. 5      Concerned about honorable relationships**
- Ch. 6      Convinced of the all-sufficiency of Christ**

**How can I fulfill my role in our church as Christ intends?**

**4 Ways  
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The two primary priorities for a thriving church:

1. Protect the purity of God’s work which grows by faith 1:3-4
  
2. Promote the goal of God’s word which is to grow in love 1:5

We develop a lifestyle in growing in Christ’s love in the following ways:

- Developing a pure heart
  
- Developing a good conscience
  
- Developing a sincere faith

What does it look like to love well in this situation, relationship, conflict, or interaction?

*A church thrives in Christ’s love when it protects the work of God and promotes the word of God.*

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Next  
Steps**



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## ***My personal application of this passage:***

### **Questions for individual study and LIFE Groups:**

1. When Jesus said, "I will build my church," in Matthew 16:18, what do you think He meant? What is "the church," and what role does Jesus Christ have in it?
2. Why is there a need for churches today to have a clear understanding of what Christ intends for His church? What happens when Christians lose sight of God's instruction for His church?
3. Why is it important that believers in Christ grow in hope, grace, mercy, and peace (see 1:1-2)? How do we learn to experience these on a daily basis?
4. Why was Timothy urged to continue investing himself in the ministry at Ephesus? What made this difficult?
5. What is the goal of the church's ministry according to 1 Timothy 1:5, and how is it developed?



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