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Becoming a Church That Heals

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Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. (Eph. 4:25-28)

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Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:29-32)

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10 Qualities of a Church That Heals

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1. Acceptance

“Therefore accept one another, just as Christ accepted you in order to bring praise to the Father”. (Romans 15:7)

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2. Worship

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)

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3. Transparency

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)

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4. Uplifting

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

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5. Compassion

“Finally, all of you, living in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.” (1 Peter 3:8)

- **Sympathetic:** show sympathy and to suffer with
- **Compassionate:** to be tender and kind-hearted
- **Humble:** friendly + showing understanding, kindness or humble-mindedness

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6. Forbearance

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2)

- Bearing with one another: overlooking people's faults

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7. Forgiveness

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

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8. Encouragement

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

(Hebrews 10:25)

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9. Thoughtfulness

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)

- Consider: To fix one's mind on,
to consider attentively

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10. Love

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8)

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- **These are not only for our church members but for those who come to church.**
- **These are for our families, work place, and everyday life as we take Christ's Church (us) into the world.**

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- **But we can't do any of these!!**
- **We can only do these when we walk in Jesus' Spirit, trusting in Christ's Power, Love, and Presence!!**

**MAY OUR PRECIOUS LORD CONTINUE
HIS GOOD WORK IN US AS WE SEEK
TO HEAL AND BE HEALED
AS HIS CHURCH!!**