

## Evaluating Your Church

We will be evaluating key components that need to be in place for church revitalization to occur. This practical checklist will be comprised of biblical principles for you to use to see how you can best position your church for renewed life and vibrancy.

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- I. It takes FOCUS (Matthew 4:19, Luke 19:10, Matthew 28:19-20a, Acts 1:8b)

Evaluating your current ministry setting.

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best score) circle where you would rank your church presently on FOCUS?

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2. What immediate steps could you or your church take to improve in this area?
3. What are the biggest challenges or obstacles you face in improving in this area?

II. It takes FEEDING (2 Timothy 4:1-2)

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1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best score) circle where you would rank your church presently on FEEDING?

\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_

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III. It takes FREEDOM (Mark 7:6-8, 1 Corinthians 9:19-22)

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1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best score) circle where you would rank your church presently on FREEDOM?

\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_

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- IV. It takes FEARLESSNESS (Proverbs 29:25, 2 Corinthians 10:10,  
2 Corinthians 11:23-28, 2 Timothy 1:7)

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1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best score) circle where you would rank your church presently on FEARLESSNESS?

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- V. It takes FELEGATION (Ephesians 4:11-12, Exodus 18:17-18)

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VI. It takes FELLOWSHIP (Acts 2:42-47, John 13:35, Philippians 4:4, Nehemiah 8:10)

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1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best score) circle where you would rank your church presently on FELLOWSHIP?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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VII. It takes FERVENCY (James 5:16, James 4:2-3, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, Mathew 9:37-38, Zechariah 4:6, Ephesians 6:19-20, James 1:5)

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1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best score) circle where you would rank your church presently on FERVENCY?

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