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# What Makes a Church “Successful?”





# The Upward- Looking Church

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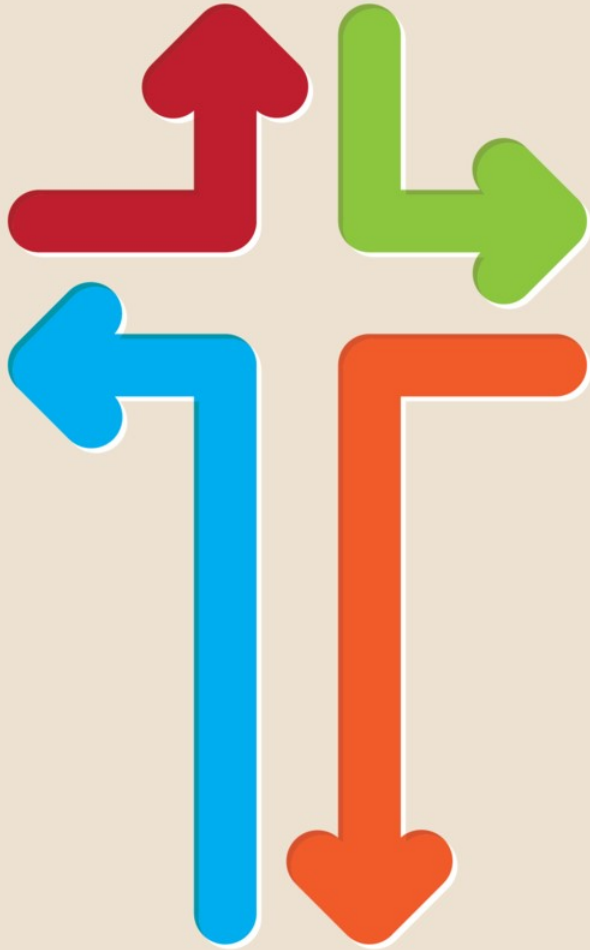


# Three Directions of the Church



It's Not Just About Me

# An Important Christian Responsibility





# A Passage to Notice: Galatians 6:1-2,10

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<sup>1</sup> Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

*\*All verses from 1995 New American Standard Version*

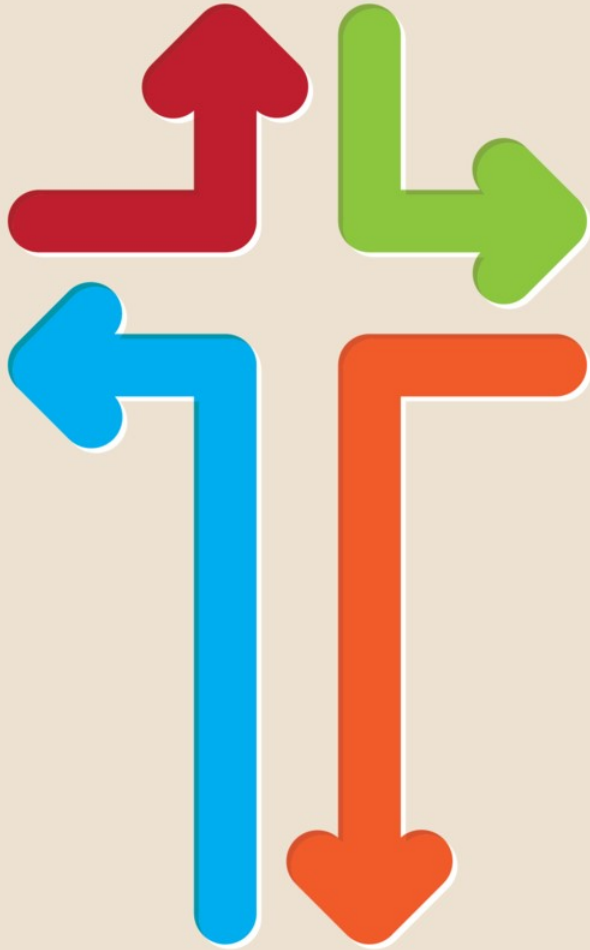
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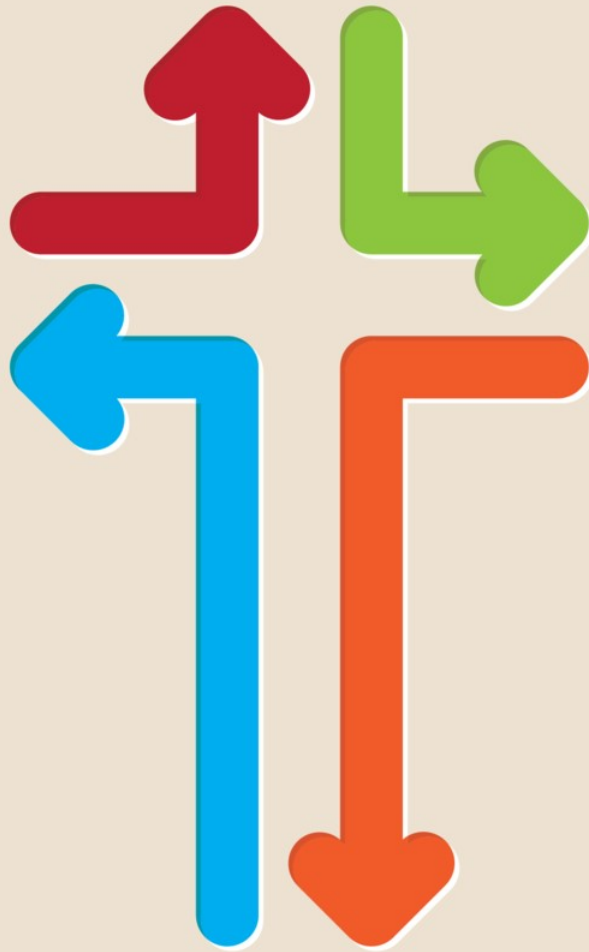
<sup>10</sup> So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.



One thought  
stands out:  
Christians will  
still have  
struggles,

# Psalm 34:19

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the  
righteous,  
But the LORD delivers him out of them  
all.



One thought  
stands out:  
Christians will  
still have  
struggles,  
but God wants  
us to face them  
together.

# Galatians 6:2

<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.



# The Inward-Looking Church



# When We Don't





# Some things that hold us back:



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1) We are tempted to criticize.

# Galatians 5:25-26

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

<sup>26</sup> Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

# Galatians 6:3-5

<sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

<sup>4</sup> But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have *reason* for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

<sup>5</sup> For each one will bear his own load.



# Some things that hold us back:



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## 2) We are tempted to be too busy.

# Luke 10:31

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup> And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

# Some things that hold us back:



3) We are tempted to be  
too self-focused.

# 2 Timothy 4:10

<sup>9</sup> Make every effort to come to me soon;

<sup>10</sup> for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; ...



# What We Must Do

1) We must  
know each  
other's  
burdens.



# Acts 2:44,46

<sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

...

<sup>46</sup> Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,



# What We Must Do

2) We must put  
forth the  
effort to bear  
each other's  
burdens.

# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

# 1 Thessalonians 4:18

<sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:11

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another  
and build up one another, just as you  
also are doing.



God put His people together  
for a reason -



let's not forget this God-given  
responsibility!

# Galatians 6:2

<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

# Acts 2:38

<sup>38</sup> Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.