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“Nuts & Bolts of a Healthy Church”

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AS CHURCHES SEEK TO THRIVE IN A VIRTUAL WORLD VIRTUAL CLARITY IS REQUIRED FOR A VIRTUAL VISION.

Virtual Defined

- CARRIED OUT, ACCESSED, OR STORED BY MEANS OF A COMPUTER, ESPECIALLY OVER A NETWORK
- NOT PHYSICALLY EXISTING AS SUCH BUT MADE BY SOFTWARE TO APPEAR TO BE SO

VIRTUAL CHURCH DEFINED:

1) A church that employs technology, software, networks and computers to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

VIRTUAL TRUTH -God built the church to be virtual. Faith is built to be virtual. Genesis 12:3 The Great Commission is a virtual assignment. Mark 16:15

A Virtual church goes to the world via everyday desktops, laptops, and cellular devices etc....

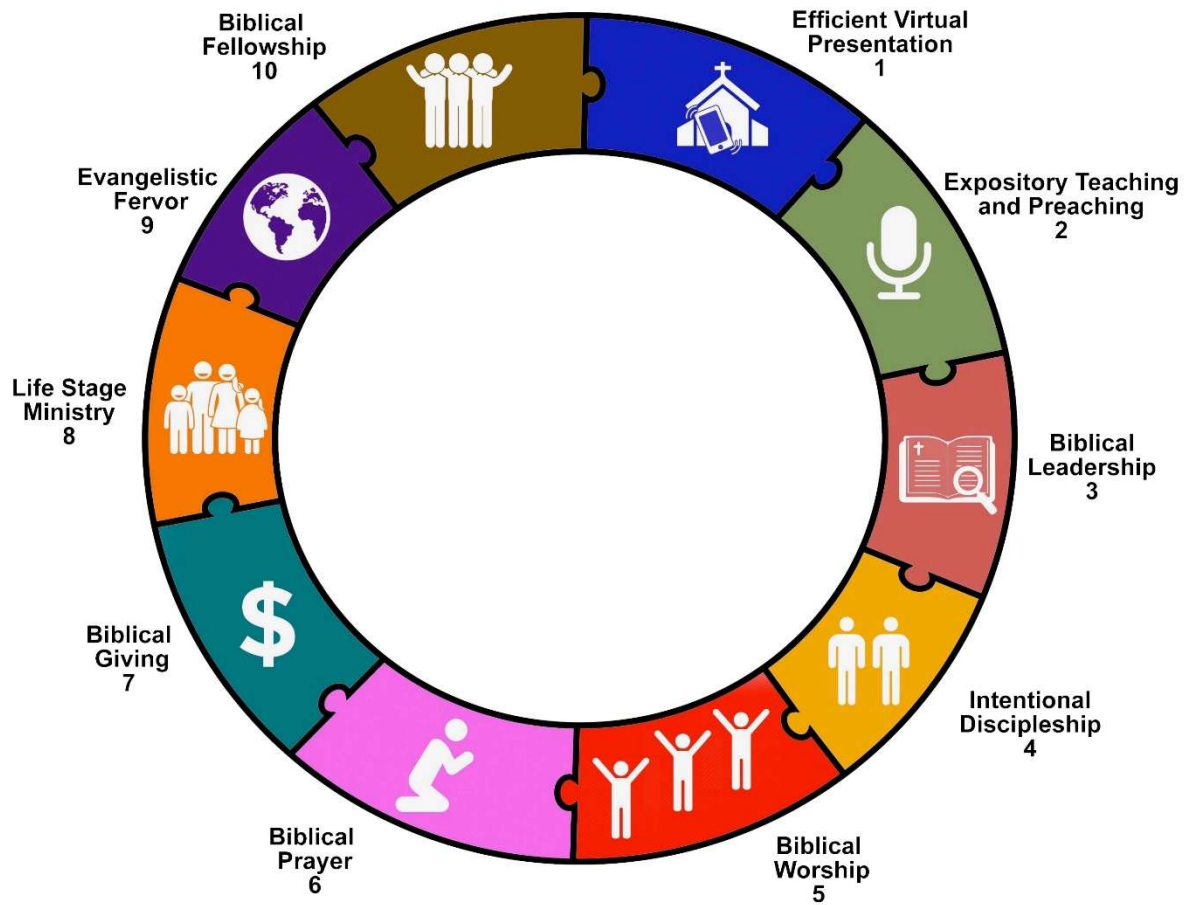
2) A church that employs technology, software, networks and computers to expose and to evangelize to the world for executing your church's vision and mission

VIRTUAL TRUTH- God built your church's vision and mission to be virtual. THE MIRACLE OF THE CORONAVIRUS IS THAT IT PUSHED THE CHURCH TO GO VIRTUAL.

WHAT'S THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF A HEALTHY VIRTUAL CHURCH

- 1) There must be "buy in" with Pastor and People
- 2) It requires a Virtual ision team
- 3) Decide to be a sharing and/or seeking church
 - virtual oxymoron
 - the pros and cons of church attendance
 - a healthy virtual church requires us to find "balance" and the "just weight" to the virtual oxymoron
 - church attendance

Nuts & Bolts of a Healthy Virtual Church



1) EFFICIENT VIRTUAL PRESENTATION-

- 100 psalms
- the virtual gateway and the virtual courts
- our stream is our church

2) EXPOSITORY PREACHING & TEACHING

- sound doctrine is imperative
- our pastoral preaching responsibility is awareness of our audience-
- are they hearing the word
- hearing equates to doing
- 5 fold ministry loses view of the pew
- we lose the pastoral care of the chair
- people see us but our virtual view is impaired
- **suggestion**: appoint virtual exhorters for accountability

3) BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

- Who's leading your virtual
- Who's communicating direction and correction

4) INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

- Real discipleship is producing learners & followers
 1. Followers of Jesus
 2. Followers of our vision and mission
- We must assure that virtual members are catching the spirit and walking in step with the ministry
- Be careful not to contribute to an itching ear syndrome or producing shopping saints

- Stewardship of souls is our responsibility
- **suggestion:** virtual new membership class for assimilation
- spiritual growth(how is it measured)
- discipleship creates – A VIRTUAL OXYMORON
- virtual church suggest that the sanctuary and the church building are optional
- within your context you must solve:
 - A) How do we build the body?
 - B) How do we practice assembly of the saints?
 - C) How do we bring salvation and empower people for service?

5) BIBLICAL WORSHIP

- Worship includes God's presence and God's House(The Church)
- What's the New Paradigm
- Suggestion:** Once COVID clears
 - Local special services
 - Revivals
 - Pop up services

6) Biblical Prayer

- God's House(The Church) is called The House of Prayer
Isaiah 56:7
- Virtual members must mature in prayer and intercession
virtually and physically
- Use various platforms such as: Zoom, Conference Calling,
Facetime, Google Duo etc..
- What does a virtual progressive prayer life require?

7) Biblical Giving

- Tithe & Offering appeal should be shorter and more precise.
Establish various methods of giving such as: Givelify, Easy Tithe, Text 2 Give, Push Pay, Cash App, Mail to church, Drop off, etc...
- Virtual services are expensive to maintain.
- Devoted sincere Christians Give

8) Life Stage Ministry

- Minister to the Entire Body of Christ
- Be intentional to focus on everybody in the whole church
- Focus on family, couples, children, youth, Infants, millennials, seasoned citizens etc...

9) Evangelistic Fervor

- Virtual says... Go Global to reach the world
- Healthy churches witness – to their family, friends, coworkers and strangers
- Understand that Evangelism is Marketing (sharing your brand)
- Church is spectacular at evangelism and the world is spectacular at marketing
- Study the world to strengthen your marketing strategies
- Share virtually more than just services and messages
- Use local signage and doorhangers to drive the community to your virtual services
- Allow the local to fuel your virtual evangelism and vice versa

10) Biblical Fellowship

- Fellowship (Koinonia) is a necessary nut and bolt of the 1st Century Church Acts 2 & Acts 4.
- What does a koinonia look like in a virtual church? Define it and be intentional with execution.

- Evangelism is the churches hand reaching outside of the membership. Fellowship is holding hands with those that have joined the church family.
- **Suggestions:** Virtual cell groups/ connect groups via Zoom, Conference calls etc...
- Fellowship must be strategic, intentional and established with accountability.
- Who's managing the fellowships and what's the outcome of the fellowship?