

Philosophy of Ministry – Checklist

I. The Church

- A. The Church is commissioned by Christ (Matthew 16:18) and has His blessing
- B. The Church is cleansed by Christ (Ephesians 5:23) and purified by His Word
- C. The Church is consecrated for Christ (1 Peter 2:9) for ministry and service
- D. The Church is connected to Christ (Romans 12:4) as a body to a head

II. Leadership

- A. The church must have the correct positions (1 Timothy 3:1-13), elders and deacons
- B. The church must have qualified people (1 Timothy 3:1-13) in those positions
- C. The church must have qualified leaders with biblical priorities (Titus 1:9) and vision

III. Core Convictions

- A. The church must adhere to sound doctrine (Titus 1:9)
- B. The church must be God-centered, not man-centered (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- C. The church must be Christ-centered and gospel-centered (1 Corinthians 2:2)
- D. The church must be Bible-centered (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

IV. Character Qualities

- A. The church must promote genuine Christian living (Acts 2:41-42)
- B. The church must promote sincere love for God and man (Matthew 22:37-40)

V. Ministry Functions (Acts 2:41-42)

- A. Love for God (vertical component)
 - 1. Worship (upward) – Sacraments, prayer, giving, praise/singing, fasting, public Scripture reading, and preaching that glorifies, focuses on, thanks, reverences, delights in, and exalts God
 - 2. Discipleship (downward) – Public Scripture reading, preaching, teaching, training, mentoring, and church discipline that builds biblical knowledge and spiritual maturity
- B. Love for Man (horizontal component)
 - 1. Evangelism (outward) – Clear, accurate, and faithful gospel proclamation that calls for repentance and faith in Christ and is accomplished through missions and outreach, with a view to glorifying God and seeing sinners saved and added to the church
 - 2. Fellowship (inward) – Sharing together in relationship through spiritual partnership/companionship in Christ that manifests itself through spending quality time in community together and building Christ-centered and loving relationships