

## Ten Essential Qualifications of a Church Planter

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## Identifying Church Planters

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Acts 11:19-26 ~ Sent Barnabas  
 Acts 13 -16 ~ Sent Paul and Barnabas

Holy Spirit's Role:

- Called them (13:2)
- Sent them (13:4)
- Filled them (13:9)
- Directed them (16:6)




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**Church Planter Performance Profile**  
 by Dr. Charles Ridley:

1. Visionizing capacity
2. Intrinsically motivated
3. Creates ownership of ministry
4. Reaches the unchurched
5. Spousal cooperation
6. Effectively builds relationships

Knock-out Factors




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CPPP by Ridley:

7. Commitment to church growth
8. Responsiveness to community
9. Utilizes giftedness of others
10. Flexible & adaptable
11. Builds group cohesiveness
12. Resilience
13. Exercising faith




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J. Allen Thompson, PhD

1. Personal Characteristics (prayer, spiritual vitality, integrity, call, family, humility)
2. Ministerial Characteristics (leadership, evangelism, management, preaching, philosophy, training leaders)
3. Intrapersonal Characteristics (flexibility, likability, emotional stability, sensitivity, dynamism)




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Dr. Timothy Keller

1. Personal Qualifications (humility, love, integrity, spirituality)
2. Functional Qualifications (nurture, counseling, discipling, communication, leadership, mission)




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**Basketball Player:  
Performance Dimensions**

1. Dribbling
2. Passing
3. Defense
4. Shooting
5. Rebounding
6. Speed
7. Coachability
8. Team Playing
9. Work Ethic
10. Court Vision




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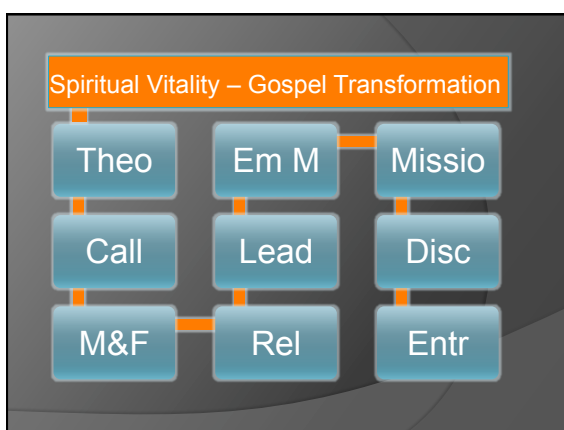
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**I. Spiritual Vitality**

1. Personal relationship with Jesus
2. Vibrant, growing, disciplined devotion
3. Deep commitment to Bible
4. Evidences fruit of Spirit and Gospel
5. Evidences of Spirit-filled life
6. Demonstrates elder above reproach




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## II. Theological Clarity

1. Guards Doctrinal door
2. Understands centrality of the gospel
3. Apologist for Faith
4. Committed to local church in mission
5. Grace for those with differing views
6. Biblical church governance
7. Learning ability for theology




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## III. Clarity of Calling

1. Communicates a clear call to plant
2. Spouse supports husband's calling
3. Sacrifice to plant is evident
4. Vision for planting is evident
5. Commended for planting by church




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## IV. Strong Marriage & Family

1. Exhibits healthy marriage
2. Integrity with finances
3. Family members joyful in mission
4. Good Dad and provider
5. Balance of family and ministry
6. Professes healthy sexual relationship and purity in marriage




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## V. Relationship Building

1. Has healthy relationships
2. Friendly and initiates relationships
3. Conversationalist and Listener
4. Team builder – equips others
5. Empathetic and compassionate
6. Patient and sincere with others




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## VI. Leadership Abilities

1. Develops leaders
2. Resourceful in reaching goals
3. Builds men to be leaders in all areas
4. Resilient under opposition
5. Adaptable, strategic, articulate
6. Inspires people to accomplish goals
7. Demonstrates courage to lead




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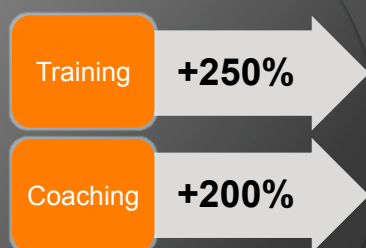
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## VII. Emotional Maturity




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## VII. Emotional Maturity

1. Identifies own strength & weaknesses
2. Confidence without arrogance
3. Accepts input from others with grace
4. Accountable to others
5. Flexible and adaptable to changes
6. Problem-solver




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## VIII. Missional Lifestyle

1. Shares faith effectively w/unchurched
2. Passionate to reach city
3. Understands idols & culture of city
4. Leads others in mission
5. Strong relationships with unchurched
6. Cultural fit to planting city




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## IX. Disciple-Making Skills

1. Effective plan for discipleship
2. Preaches with effectiveness
3. Creates gospel communities
4. Inspires others to spiritual maturity
5. Models a lifestyle of following Jesus




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## X. Entrepreneurial Aptitude

1. Starts new ventures effectively
2. Innovative and strategic visionary
3. Contagious passion to start new works
4. Ability to fit others into new work
5. Self-starter
6. Hard worker




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## Church Plant Stoppers

1. Arrogance
2. Betrays Trust
3. Unethical Lifestyle




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Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity... practice these things, immerse yourself in them so that all may see your progress.

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching.

-1 Timothy 4:12-15




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