**Creating a “Healthy” Church SYSTEMS & CULTURE**

**1. A Healthy Church is made up of strong systems and an inspiring, yet accountable culture.**

 a. The 8 Systems have to be in place in order to make a church function smoothly.

 b. The Culture of a church has to be one of inspiration. People who are a part of our culture must be encouraged, uplifted and inspired to fulfill their potential. In the same breath, accountability has to be strong as well. You have to protect the culture of a church through accountability. Accountability is like “anti-oxidants,” in the sense that it fights free radicals. There are free radicals of ideas, different vision for the church, bad attitudes, pouting, desire for control and a need to be recognized. These free radicals make a church sick at its core and the church cannot retain new people.

**2. A Healthy Church is willing to invest into the future instead of only managing the now.**

**3. A Healthy Church embraces a solid, strategic plan and sticks to it.**

**4. The 10 Commandments of a Healthy Church:**

 1. Thou Shall Worship God and not a Ministry Style or Tradition (past, present or future).

 2. Thou Shall Not Gossip about Others and Spread your “Opinions” to Other people about them.

 3. Thou Shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (insert) .

 4. Thou Shall not Desire Positions but rather just be People of Production.

 5. Thou Shall not Run People off from the Church by being Mean to Them.

 6. Thou Shall be Willing to be Flexible to Find the Best Way for the Health and Growth of the Church and its People. (Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape)

 7. Thou Shall Embrace Other Races and Cultures. (racism and prejudice are condemned by God and a mark of an immature disciple or an unbeliever)

 8. Thou Shall not GET OFFENDED or STAY OFFENDED, but will act like mature adults when conflict arises.

 9. Thou Shall work with others in a team ministry format to see the 8 systems come to pass.

 10. Thou Shall be Generous with Lavishing Love on Others, Serving and Financial Giving.