

**GUARDRAILS**  
The Seven Foundations Of A Healthy Church  
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**Key Verses of the Day**

I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:1-7 NIV

**Key Thought of the Day**

A spiritually healthy church requires people who are seeking to intentionally more.  
...so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding...

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1. People with resilient and courageous \_\_\_\_\_  
My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart... Colossians 2:2a NIV

**Don't Miss This!**

When you face difficulty in life — courageously \_\_\_\_\_ your faith.

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2. People who value \_\_\_\_\_ and demonstrate it by their \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.  
...and united in love... Colossians 2:2b NIV

**Don't Miss This!**

Your love for other Christians will \_\_\_\_\_ you as a Jesus worshipper... Jesus lover... Jesus follower.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 NIV

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3. People who \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

...so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2c-3 NIV

...namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Grab This!**

A healthy church will have folks who understand all of the riches and treasure found in the truth of Christ, and it will take the \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate that treasure of the gospel to others.

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4. People who are committed to \_\_\_\_\_  
*I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.*  
Colossians 2:4 NIV

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5. People who value Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
*For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.*  
Colossians 2:5 NIV

**Grab This!**

A healthy church will be structured properly in leadership with its people taking their \_\_\_\_\_ from God's Word and God's appointed leaders.

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6. People who are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.  
*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught...*  
Colossians 2:6-7a NIV

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 NIV*

**Don't Miss This!**

If the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith is weak... our Christian life will be weak.

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7. People who live lives full of \_\_\_\_\_  
*...and overflowing with thankfulness.* Colossians 2:7b NIV

**Grab This!**

Understanding the blessings God brings \_\_\_\_\_ us to be grateful!

**The Challenge**

In which of these areas do you need to grow so that our church will be more healthy?