**MAKING THE MOST OF GOD’S RESOURCES FOR YOUR GROWTH**

**Lesson 6: The Body of Christ**

***Introductory Remarks:***

***Important values of a healthy church:***

**Biblical Truth**: God empowers his Word to transform lives and it is the final authority and totally sufficient guide for all we believe and do (Hebrews 4:12; 1 Timothy 3:14-15; 2 Peter 3:3-4)

**Biblical Worship**: God calls us to reflect and proclaim his greatness and worth in every area of life (Psalm 96:7-9; 145:3; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:9-12).

**Biblical Preaching/Teaching**: Spirit-empowered preaching and teaching of the Bible is at the heart of all true evangelism and spiritual growth (Romans 10:14,17; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5).

**Biblical Discipleship**: Wholehearted commitment to Christ and his revealed will is God’s design for every believer (Matthew 22:37-40; 28:19-20; Mark 8:34-38).

**Biblical Prayer**: Prayer is an expression of our dependence upon God and a vital part of our relationship with him (Matthew 6:6; Ephesians 6:18-20; Colossians 4:2-4).

**Biblical Fellowship**: The church is to be a holy and loving community that grows together in Christlikeness (John 13:34; Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-5:11; Ephesians 4:1-16; Colossians 3:12-17).

**Biblical Ministry:** The Holy Spirit calls and empowers each believer to serve others in the Body of Christ (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12-14; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

**Biblical Evangelism**: We are called to reach out to unbelievers by living and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:13-16; John 13:34-35; Romans 10:14-17; 2 Corinthians 5:11-12; Colossians 4:5-6).

**Biblical Stewardship**: Our Creator owns and distributes everything according to his pleasure and we are to honor him with our time, strength, possessions, spiritual gifts and abilities (Leviticus 10:1-20; Psalm 24:1; Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Corinthians 3:5-17; 4:1-5; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Ephesians 5:15-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11)*.*

**Biblical Leadership**: The intentional development of godly servant leaders is essential for the on-going growth and ministry of the Church (2 Timothy 2:2; cf. 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus).