

Nine Marks of a Healthy Church - Mark Dever

Nine Marks of a Healthy Church is a book that seeks to answer the question: what are the distinguishing marks of a good church? Dever suggests that there are at least nine and then surveys each "mark" in his book. *Nine Marks* is not a complete ecclesiology or a comprehensive list of all that can make a church healthy. Instead, it is a prescription that focuses on two areas that are crucial to a church's health: preaching the message and leading disciples. Dever says that his book "is a plan for recovering biblical preaching and church leadership at a time when too many congregations are languishing in a notional and nominal Christianity, with all the resulting pragmatism and pettiness. The purpose of too many evangelical churches has fallen from glorifying God to growing larger; assuming that numerical growth, however achieved, must glorify God."