

**Message:** Next

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:15-16

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### **Ephesians 1:15-16**

*<sup>15</sup>For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,*

*<sup>16</sup>do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;*

#### **1. My Gratitude For You**

Thank you for your willingness:

- 1) To Embrace Unpopular, Historic, Biblical Truth
- 2) To Choose Church Health Versus A More Attractive Alternative

#### **12 Characteristics Of A Healthy Church**

1. They embark on a journey of faith.
2. They choose influence over success.
3. They embrace ministries of the head, heart & hand.
4. They are intentional about making mature and equipped followers of Christ, who make mature and equipped followers of Christ.
5. They equip their people to appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit.
6. They emphasize the marriage of grace & duty.
7. They destroy the ministry idols of tradition and preference.
8. They don't compromise spiritual nutrition for the sake of simplicity & growth.
9. They provide healthy environments for worship and feeding rather than environments for entertainment and self-help inspiration.
10. They correctly steward the keys to the Kingdom and the sacraments.
11. They underscore all their teaching with the realities of the authentic gospel and of Christ as the only hope of glory.
12. They allow their pastor to focus on shepherding through his teaching, leading & equipping.

## 2. My Prayer For You

- 1) Think Big – By Continuing To Embark On A Journey Of Faith
- 2) Start Small – By Continuing To Choose Influence Over Success And Embracing Ministries of Head, Heart and Hand.
- 3) Go Deep – By Continuing To Be Intentional About Making Mature And Equipped Followers Of Christ, Who Make Mature And Equipped Followers Of Christ.

## 3. What's Next?

Idea → Influence → Impact  
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### The Impact Of One:

Greet

Befriend

Invite

- to read
- to attend
- to investigate

All Of This Will Become Reality Only If We “Lean Forward And Flap Our Arms”.