

January 17, 2016
2 Chronicles 7:1-6

IS EL ESTERO A HEALTHY CHURCH?

I. Introduction:

II. What Are The Marks Of A Healthy Church?

5] And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep and goats. So the king and all the people dedicated the temple of God.

“**dedication**” means setting apart a place, or an object, or a person for an exclusive purpose.

A. A Place For _____ (MAGNIFY)

“O **magnify** the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.” Psalm 34:3

B. A Place For _____ (MISSION)

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the **mission** of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.” Acts 20:24

C. A Place For _____ (MATURITY)

“Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.” Hebrews 6:1

D. A Place For _____ (MINISTRY)

“We are to prepare God’s people for the work of service, (ministry) so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Ephesians 4:12

E. A Place For _____ (MEMBERSHIP)

“For there is one body and we are individually members of it.” Ephesians 4:25

**POINTS TO PONDER
WEEK OF JANUARY 18TH TO 25TH
WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH
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Open It

1. *What dedication ceremonies or services have you ever attended?
2. Why do some people dislike the practice of taking an offering during a church service?

Explore It

3. *Why were Solomon and all the people gathered at the new temple? (7:1-10)
4. *What remarkable events happened after Solomon finished praying in the new temple? (7:1)
5. Why couldn't the priests enter the temple? (7:2)
6. How did all the people respond when they saw what was happening in the temple? (7:3)
7. *What did the people say as they were worshiping the Lord? (7:3)
8. What did the people and Solomon give to the Lord as an act of worship? (7:4)
9. What kind of sacrifice did Solomon offer to the Lord? (7:5)
10. What role did the priests and Levites play in the worship? (7:6)
11. What did Solomon do when he consecrated the middle part of the courtyard of the temple? (7:7)
12. For how many days did the Israelites observe the festival? (7:8)
13. How many total days did the Israelites celebrate and dedicate? (7:8-9)
14. With what attitude did the people return home? (7:10)

Get It

15. *What does it mean to dedicate something to God?
16. How can a Christian dedicate his or her life to God's service?
17. What is appropriate to say when we are worshiping the Lord?
18. What role does giving play in our worship of God?
19. What type of offerings can we bring to the Lord today?
20. What kind of offering does God want us to bring to Him as part of worship?
21. *In what situations have you ever sensed the presence of God?
22. How would our worship of God be different if we saw fire from heaven consume our offerings and sacrifices?
23. How does the worship of God in spirit and in truth change the worshiper?
24. What does worship do to your outlook and perspective on life?

Apply It

25. How can you prepare yourself to worship this next week with an attitude of giving and praise rather than wanting something for yourself?
26. For what specific reasons can you praise God this week?
27. *What part of your life do you need to dedicate anew to the Lord?