## **Building God's Church**

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[0:00] Well, Ni Hao. Hello. Hello. Well, today is the first Sunday with me as your new vicar.

That wasn't the plan. Today is my first time in the week of the church. And as your new leader, I'm keen that we continue to grow as a church.

But what does a church leader need to be in order to grow the church? What makes the ideal vicar or perfect pastor? A few years ago, there was a survey which asked a number of Christians what makes the perfect pastor.

And here are some results. Firstly, the perfect pastor teaches the whole Bible and preaches for exactly 12 minutes.

He is 28 years of age, but has 35 years experience.

[1:37] He speaks about sin and judgment, but is politically correct. He spends all his time out of his office visiting the sick and doing evangelism, but he's always in his office praying and preparing.

He is loud and charismatic, but also humble and quiet.

He helps Christians grow, but never challenges them from the Bible. He will build the church to twice its size in one year.

He will build the church to twice its size in one year. And he will build the church to twice its size in one year. Needless to say, this church leader does not exist. And of course, the people in the survey did not say all of those things together.

They only said some of those things, the ones that were important to them. But as you can see, there were conflicting views over what was important for a leader.

[2:57] But as you can see, there were also some conflicting views about what made a good leader and how to grow the church in Corinth.

In the church, they also found some of the important issues that were important for a leader. You see, the Corinthians were arguing with each other, saying that their leader was better than others, in order to show themselves superior.

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He's a minister in Perth, and has been working hard to help people come to know Jesus. looks like an ordinary bloke. Now what did you just do when you heard that he's also a brain surgeon? **DESCRIPTION** Did you think, wow, or maybe we should have got him as our new vicar? impressed you more about Dave? Was it that he gave up his time to help people hear about Jesus, or that he was a brain surgeon? You see, are our opinions shaped by world standards, or by Christ's standards? Well, the Corinthians were judging their leaders by the world's standards, and trying to build themselves up, based on who they followed. **BEAUTION** And so now Paul reminds them about who leaders are, and how the church is actually built up. **\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_?** LEGISTA DE LEGISTA DE LA CONTROL DE LA CONTR simply God's servants, who are to faithfully do the task the Lord has given them. 

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Tim Walker makes lots of practical things happen around here, and he does it not because he just likes to see a clean and tidy church, but because he knows it supports Christ in God's word being proclaimed.

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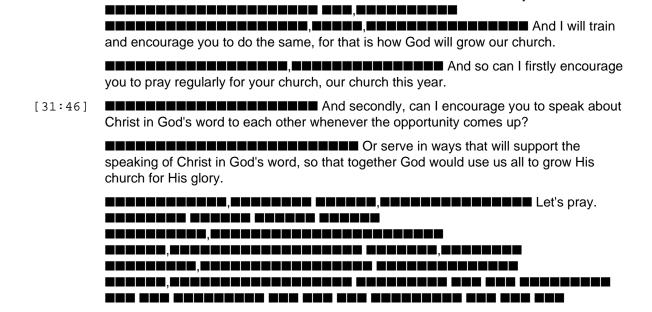
many people who do many of these things in various ways.

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