John Maxwell says, “Everything rises and falls on leadership.” The greatest single factor in the success or failure of the healthy church is leadership. All effective leadership begins with vision. Today’s church needs leaders to be people of vision who seek God’s will, spend time in prayer and in God’s Word. These days everyone seems to be health conscious. If we have a pain, shortness of breath, or a general change in bodily condition, we call in the doctor. Isn't it interesting that we sometimes fail to have the same concerns about God's work? As important as our own condition is, the spiritual condition of His church should be equally important to us. The prayer life, the outreach ministry, spiritual growth—just to mention a few of the vital signs of a healthy church—must claim our attention if we are to succeed in fulfilling God’s purpose for us.

Instructions

- Score each of the seven pages using a number between 1 (low) & 5 (high). This should be YOUR best understanding of how your church is doing.

- All 10 statements must be scored. If you don’t know one, then score a 3.

- Total each page and record your score. Check thermometer on right.

- Transfer the total score from each page to the appropriate block on the Church Health Inventory (CHI). Make sure each score matches the appropriate block.

- Total the “CHI” page and divide by 7 for the Overall Health Score.

- Go back to each page and circle the 2 statements that you scored lowest on each page. If more than 2 have the same score, make your best choice.

- Transfer those numbers to the appropriate blanks on the “CHI”.

When this is done, relax and have some refreshments while we wait for everyone to finish. Please don’t talk at the table while others are finishing.