

NCD Coaching Guide: Passionate Spirituality

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Passionate Spirituality is one of 8 Quality Characteristics of a healthy church, according to Natural Church Development research.

Description:

Effective ministry flows out of spiritual intimacy, leading to a strong conviction that God will act in powerful ways. A Godly vision can only be accomplished through an optimistic faith that views obstacles as opportunities and turns defeats into victories.

CompuCoach Resources:

[Developing a personal passion for God](#)

[Cultivating corporate passion for God](#)

[Connecting passionate spirituality with corporate mission](#)

Downloads:

[NCD Insights 3 – Passionate Spirituality](#)

Insights For Leaders:

- Leaders have an important role in facilitating greater renewal in the church.
- Learn something new from God, rather than seeing it as dull and routine.
- Trials and difficulties may be confirmation you are on the right track.
- Refrain from motivating people out of guilt.

Insights For Teams:

- Confession and repentance is essential to spiritual passion and growth.
- When a church's passion for Christ increases, it will be evidenced in the atmosphere of the church and in the fruit of its ministry.
- Prayer is not preparation for the ministry – it is the ministry.
- Monitor all events and programs in your church in view of their positive atmosphere.

Action points to improve this factor:

- Take CoachNet's Evaluating Passionate Spirituality (NCD) web course.
- Be aware of the imitation modeling function of leaders.
- Make sure that your members are involved based on their spiritual gifts.
- Identify those Christians God has given the gift of praying.
- Train Christians with the gift of counseling for their ministry.
- Recruit the small groups in your church for a multi-week training course in praying.
- Find those factors that block spiritual passion in your church.
- Rest. Reflect. Refocus.

Reflection Questions:

1. How are church members integrating their faith into all areas of their life?
2. What recent examples have we heard of God's transforming work in church members' lives?
3. What are the marks of a person who is enthusiastic about our church?
4. What are we doing to teach God's desires for our church's future?
5. In what ways do we see personal and corporate prayer empowering the ministries of our church?
6. What opportunities do we provide for people to learn how to use the Bible as a guidebook?
7. How is our experience of God naturally reflected in our conversations with others?
8. How do we inform people of prayer needs?

Worksheets:

Spiritual Dynamics Checkup

The Three Rs of a Personal Sabbath Retreat

Rest and Reflection Action Plan

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