

13 Characteristics of Successful Church Planters

Visionizing Capacity

Generates vision, initiates plans, builds significant projects from the ground floor up

Intrinsic Motivation

Demonstrates the ability to be a self-starter who works with diligence and excellence

Creating Ownership of Ministry

Passes on the baton of ministry so that others continue the race

Reaching the Unchurched

Consistently reaches out and influences people toward a relationship with Christ and the church

Spousal Cooperation (if applicable)

Collaborating as a husband and wife team in marriage and in ministry

Effectively Builds Relationships

Evidences the ability to meet new people and engage them in relationships at varied depths

Committed to Church Growth

Embraces growing the church, numerically and spiritually, and implements church growth principles effectively

Responsiveness to the Community

Understands local communities and implements culturally responsive ministries

Utilizes the Giftedness of Others

Assesses, develops, and releases others to serve in their area of giftedness

Flexibility and Adaptability

Negotiates change successfully while staying centered on the overall vision

Building Cohesive Groups

Orchestrates widely differing people to function as a unified body

Resilience

Stays the course in the face of major setbacks, disappointments, and opposition

Exercises Faith

Evidences a strong, vital relationship with God and willingly takes significant faith risks