

13 Building Blocks for Church Planting

From Charles Ridley's book *How to Select Church Planters*

The following are the 13 character traits found in successful church planters. When assessing whether a candidate has the strong potential to plant a church we look for evidence of a majority of the "building blocks" below . . .

1. **Visionizing capacity** – the ability to imagine the future, bring others on board and make it a reality
2. **Intrinsically Motivated** – has a commitment to excellence, is a self-starter and hard worker
3. **Creates ownership in ministry** – instills in others responsibility for the ministry and raises up leaders to reproduce other leaders
4. **Reaching the unchurched** – is able to develop relationships with the unchurched that result in their commitment to a personal walk with God.
5. **Spousal cooperation** - describes having a shared vision for ministry and clear roles that protect marriage and family life.
6. **Relationship building** – is proactive at beginning and developing relationship with others as a basis for ministry.
7. **Commitment to church growth** - is seeing the church project in the frame work of God's larger Kingdom and prioritizing numerical growth within the context of spiritual and relational growth.
8. **Responsiveness to community** – is able to see community needs and adapt ministries to reach target group
9. **Utilizes giftedness of others** - is able to identify the gifts of others, equip and release them for ministry.
10. **Flexibility and adaptability** - easily adjusts to change
11. **Builds group cohesiveness** - engages others and leads team to accomplish goals while addressing points of conflict
12. **Resilience** - is the ability to sustain oneself through loss, disappointments and failure
13. **Exercising faith** - has conviction of their call to church planting and lives with expectation that God is going to move and translates personal convictions