

Traits of a Church Planter

Do I have what it takes to plant a church? – Use the self-rating scale and then see if you can come up with specific examples of how you have demonstrated the behaviors below. Church Planters do not need to hit a home run in every category...these are overall traits of a planter.

Clear visioning capacity... **Is able to hear the will of God and communicate God's vision for the church to the people in such a way that the people of the church take personal ownership in the vision.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Clear calling by God.... **Knows that God has called them to this community to accomplish the Great Commission through people not to people.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Empowering Leadership.... **Is able to empower God's people to be an effective church that multiplies disciples. And creates ownership in ministry by the church.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Community Involvement..... **Is well connected in the non churched community outside the church walls. Knows what are the hot buttons of the community and is able to take the gospel into the culture.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Peer Relationships with the Unchurched..... **follows closely with community involvement. Has friends that are at a peer level outside the church. Typically business people, sales persons, teachers, athletics, etc..**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Entrepreneur Ability... **Able to start things from scratch. Either inside the church or in the business world.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Passionate Spirituality.... **Thinks Jesus is cool and knows that everyone else will too.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Can Do Attitude.... **Sees the glass as half full and on the way to the top.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Resilience.... **Sees obstacles as opportunities. Gets up and keeps going. When you hit the wall -- you find a ladder.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

Commitment to the Great Commission.... **Has proven track record or making disciples that multiply other disciples. Also, honestly believes that people are going to spend eternity in hell if the church does not reach them.**

Low -- 1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5 -- High

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According to the "13 Qualities of an Effective Church Planter" defined by Dr. Charles Ridley, a behavioral psychologist, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN there are certain characteristics that successful church planters consistently exhibit. Those qualities are:

1. Visionizing capacity
2. Personal motivation
3. Creating ownership in ministry
4. Reaching the unchurched
5. Spousal cooperation
6. Relationship building
7. Commitment to church growth
8. Responsiveness to community
9. Utilizes giftedness of others
10. Flexibility and adaptability
11. Building group cohesiveness
12. Resiliency
13. Exercising faith