

DNA CULTURE: General church culture/C3 Culture

Never forget how you felt being a first time person in church, learn from it and make the best 1st time experience for someone else!

What is C3 culture? God culture!

Qualities/characteristics of a C3 person:

1. Loves being in the House. A planted person!

Example: The church is meant to be like a home, not a vacation spot or hotel

Psalm 92: 13: Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.¹⁴ They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing. (doesn't say "attend", says "planted")

Twice on Sunday means: Once to serve, once to be fed.

If you are only being fed you get fat, if you are only serving you can become burnt out.

Genesis 28:17 "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." AMP says: "How to be feared and revered is this place!"

Hebrews 10:24 -25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

2. Tithes and gives with a generous spirit (Give in every season)

We teach the principles of giving every Sunday because we believe in an open heaven over every person but do not leave giving to just Sunday teaching.

Research the Bible for yourself and get it into your Spirit

After your own research act accordingly

Sow and Reap

2 Cor 9:6 – 8 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. *7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have abundance for every good work.*

Prov 3: 9: Honor the Lord with your capital and sufficiency [from righteous labors] and with the first fruits of all your income; ¹⁰So shall your storage places be filled with plenty, and your vats shall be overflowing with new wine.

Contemporary English Version: Honor the LORD by giving him, your money and the first part of all your crops.

Goes to Ministers, Work of Ministry and feed the poor, widows, orphans etc...
Gross or net? What do you want to be blessed on?
Prosperity? Is this of God. Yes!

Psalms 35:27: Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

"Just enough" Gospel, mean just enough for you, we are blessed to be a blessing.

Tithing is not: sponsoring children in 3rd world countries, giving to Joyce Meyer Ministries, buying lunch for someone, giving your time to the Church or other worthy cause, giving to Rise and Build or other special offerings, donating items or anything else but 10% of your income.

3. Loves Serving in the House (on a team)

God gives gifts, talents and abilities but it is up to each of us to activate and use them.

Psalms 110:3 Your people *shall be* volunteers
In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of your youth.

- Connection happens (make friends)
- Be a blessing to someone else
- There is a place for you in C3, serve on a team, fill out an application and hand it in at the resource center or fill one out on-line.
www.c3sandiego.com
- If you have children you are required to serve a minimum of once a month in Kidz church: Be involved with what your kids are learning

Romans 12: 6: Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who

exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

4. Loves Connection (Connect Groups)

Connect groups: as the Church grows bigger we must grow smaller in focus

Acts 2:46: So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart

The opposite of connection is isolation and idleness

We are meant to be busy with God things/god connections not busy bodies

2 Thessalonians 3:11 "We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies

Are we focused on eternal or temporal? Let's build eternal connections and relationships that carry us through the ups and the downs

5. Loves Faithfulness not burnout

Matthew 5:17 "But let your **yes** be **yes** and your **no** be **no**. For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."

When you choose to accept an area of responsibility within the church be faithful to complete it.

No one makes you serve. You seek it out or get asked to serve on a team but it is your choice to accept or not accept. Only you are responsible for you!

Burn out happens when you serve with the wrong motive, when there is a disconnect in your heart and you continue to serve and allow other motives to brew within you. What motive is on your heart? Serve and be faithful with a pure heart.

Psalms 50:6 "Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place."

Heb 6:11 – 12 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

6. Loves the “Thereness Factor”! (Participating in Events, prayer meetings, baptisms..etc)

The church is the only organization that exists for its non members

The church is not all about us, we are saved. The church is about others having an opportunity to get saved and be discipled.

Let's make a commitment to be equipped, resourced and prepared to share the gospel (the good news) that others may come into relationship with Jesus!

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

Ecclesiastes 9:11” ...Time and chance happen to them all.”

Each of us are born with a God purpose, not by accident. We now have an opportunity to step into our God calling, step into church and make the house of God our home!