

Characteristics of a Healthy Church Family

A. In their book, *On Becoming Preteen Wise*, Gary Ezzo and Robert Bucknam list seven marks of a healthy family.

B. At Laurel Canyon, we are a family—brothers and sisters in Christ—“*members of the household of God*” (Ephesians 2:19). If we are to be “healthy,” the same earmarks will apply to us.

I. Healthy families share _____ that all members embrace and submit to.

II. Healthy families recognize that _____ the _____ is a priority for family health.

III. Healthy families know how to _____ with one another.

IV. In healthy families, _____ are not afraid to say, “I was _____.”

V. Healthy families choose conflict _____ over conflict _____.

VI. Healthy families make _____ to be with each other and to attend one another’s _____.

VII. Healthy families have a corporate sense of _____ to all _____.