

## HEALTH ADVANTAGES OF DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE CHURCH

1. Provides an opportunity for people to be **trained to follow Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.**
2. Allows the **multiplication of new believers** (evangelism) through trained and obedient followers of Jesus Christ.
3. **Provides a growth** producing context for good fellowship.
4. **Raises up a generation of leaders** that shares a common vision for ministry and that will be able to reproduce itself.
5. Makes it possible for **lay people to actually do ministry** in and outside the church.
6. **Helps lay people** take responsibility for and have ownership of the church.
7. Allows the **ministry of a local church to continue** even in the absence of the pastor.
8. Makes possible **renewal within a church** (renewed vision, commitment, and enthusiasm).
9. **Promotes both evangelism** and Christian growth.
10. **Builds a broad base ministry** which makes for a more stable church.
11. **Increases pastoral care.**
12. **Strengthens the local church** through the spiritual gifts of disciplined people who gain confidence and skills to train others.
13. **Protects the church** from becoming a personality cult.
14. **Unifies the church** in a common vision/purpose.
15. **Builds up the Christians** who start feeling good about themselves saying "God is actually using even me!"