

II. Priority of Revitalization - Biblical

- Church revitalization is an **apostolic priority**.
- The Acts of the Apostles emphasizes the expansion of the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire (and beyond) through **church planting**.
- The Epistles emphasized **church health** and **church revitalization**.

Some examples:

- 1 & 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- 1 & 2 Timothy
- Titus
- 1 & 2 Peter
- 1, 2, & 3 John
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Jesus demonstrated his passion for the revitalization of the Seven Churches in Asia Minor (Revelation 2-3).

III. The Pastor and Revitalization - Behavior

Pastoral leadership is **crucial** to church revitalization.

Ten Characteristics of Effective Revitalization Pastors...

1. They are **visionary**.
2. They skillfully instill a sense of **urgency**.
3. They are willing to take **risks**.
4. They lean into **conflict**.
5. They **persevere**.
6. They accept **responsibility**.
7. They lead the church to celebrate **“wins.”**
8. They demonstrate **dependence on** God.
9. They are **lifetime learners**.
10. They are confidently **humble**.

