




# Building A Healthy Church COMMUNITY

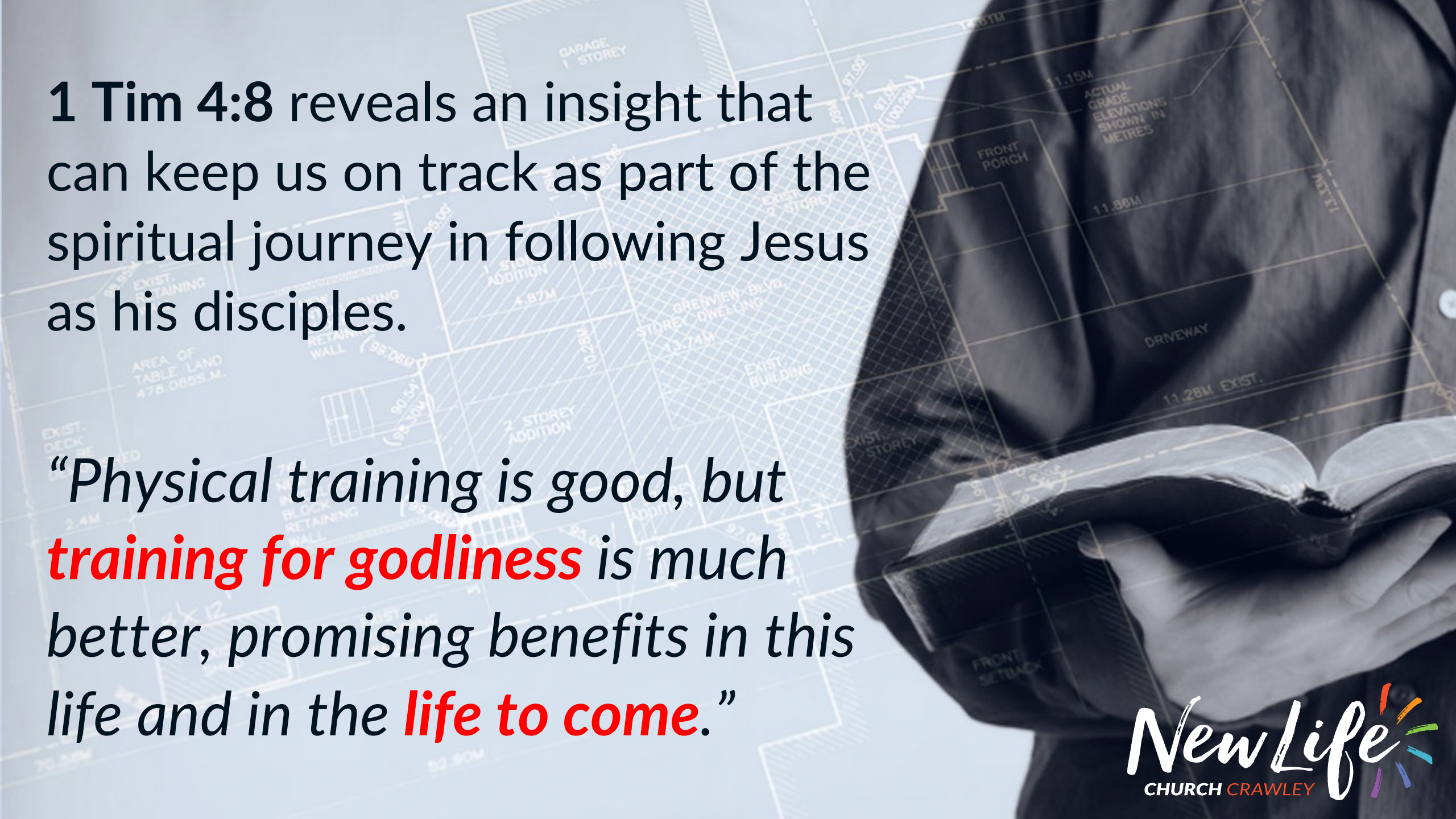
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**HEALTH  
COMES  
BEFORE ALL  
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1 Tim 4:8 reveals an insight that can keep us on track as part of the spiritual journey in following Jesus as his disciples.

“Physical training is good, but **training for godliness** is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the **life to come.**”



# **BUILDING A HEALTHY CHURCH COMMUNITY.**

Principles that transcend culture, size of church, denomination or geography – they are relevant to all church communities everywhere at all times.

- **EMPOWERING Leadership**
- **GIFT BASED ministry**
- **PASSIONATE Spirituality**
- **EFFECTIVE Structures**
- **INSPIRING Worship**
- **HOLISTIC Small Groups**
- **NEED FOCUSED Evangelism**
- **LOVING Relationships**



# Building A Healthy Church Community involves

## **EMPOWERING** Leadership

There will always be leadership  
in a group in any setting – but  
what TYPE of leadership, is it  
**EMPOWERING** Leadership?



**We see this principle worked out in the Bible repeatedly.**

- Jethro & Moses - Exodus 18 (v21-22)
- Jesus - Mark 3:13-14, Matthew 10:1-5 (12 sent out), Luke 10:1 (72 sent out)
- Early Church - Acts 6:1-4 appointed “deacons” = servants
- Paul Eph 4:-11-12 *“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work”*



# ANNOUNCEMENT: TEAM BUILDING

## DAVID EATON AS ELDER

- On board as an elder for period of 2 years.
- David's ministry giftings are Teaching & Shepherding as primary giftings
- Discipleship focus - especially with men in one to one and small groups discipleship settings that focus on character growth.



A key for us is **NOT** celebrity superstar Pastor or celebrity worship leader while everyone else stands on the side-lines as spectators applauding them.

**1 Cor 3:1-9** Pauls says an immature, sinful approach from individuals or churches is to be focused on jealousy, rivalry or comparison:

**ONLY SERVANTS WHO HAVE BEEN  
GIVEN A TASK AND WHO ARE  
EXPECTED TO BE FAITHFUL**



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**GIFT-FOCUSED**

Ministry



This is the responsibility of those who lead:

**GIFT FOCUSED Ministry** is critical to a health church community because

- The role of Christian leadership is to help its members identify their gifts and integrate them into appropriate ministries.
- When Christians function in their area of giftedness, they generally function less in their own strength and more in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- People are less likely to get burned out using their gifts (and not trying to be someone else).



# 1 Cor 12, Romans 12:1-8, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Peter 4:7, 9-11

## ALL KEY TEXTS TO HELP US SEE THAT:

- Everyone has been given a gift by God so that everyone can serve,
- Everyone is important, that we need one another in the family of God.
- Some of you need my gifts & I need yours.
- That's where INTERDEPENDENT not to operate independently.



# SO WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

## WHAT IS YOUR

## RESPONSIBILITY?

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- **Eph 5:10** “find out what pleases the Lord” (“Carefully determine what pleases the Lord”).
- **Matt 25:14-30** Parable of the Three Servants/Parable of talents
- **1 Cor 12** Spiritual Gifts 5 Part Series on YouTube – “Living Beyond Ourselves”



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**MY VISION FOR  
MINISTRY –**

**ACTIVE,  
EFFECTIVE,  
RESPONSIVE.**



# CONCLUSION:

- God designed the church to be led by leaders, taught by teachers, shepherd by people with shepherding gifts.
- What could the church become if we all do what we are designed to do?



So what's your next step personally to help build a healthy church community?

- Getting emotionally healthy?
- Getting spiritually clean?
- Getting connected to community?





## Hebrews 13:20-22

Now may the God of peace—  
who brought up from the dead our  
Lord Jesus,  
the great Shepherd of the sheep,  
and ratified an eternal covenant with  
his blood—  
may he equip you with all you need  
for doing his will.  
May he produce in you,  
through the power of Jesus Christ,  
every good thing that is pleasing to  
him.  
All glory to him forever and ever!  
Amen.



A close-up photograph of two hands, one from a person with a light complexion and one from a person with a dark complexion, reaching out towards each other with palms up. The hands are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with the fingers slightly spread. The background is dark and out of focus, showing hints of clothing. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box with a thin white border is overlaid on the upper half of the image, containing the text.

**NEED PRAYER TODAY?**

***Please join us at the front.***