

IS GOD CALLING ME TO PLANT A CHURCH?

(Questions to ask yourself before considering starting a church)

1. Do I **share the gospel** with non-believers on a regular basis?
2. Am I a **self starter**?
3. Do I have full **spousal/family support** to plant a church?
4. Am I assured of **God's call** on my life to church planting?
5. Am I comfortable **relating** with secular (non-believing) people?
6. Do I know what my particular **gifting** and **personality characteristics** are...that would make me effective in the community I'm considering?
7. Am I in a position **financially** to plant a church?
8. Can I come up with a **strategic plan** for a church plant (pre-launch work, home bible studies, team building, etc)?
9. Have I ever led a ministry **that grew?** (What was it?)
10. Am I good at **envisioning** something before it actually takes place?
11. Do I have the **"energy"** to start a church from scratch?
12. Have I ever **served on a team** or built a team around me? (Or would I rather go it alone?)
13. Do I enjoy creating new things that involve finding new ways of **solving problems?**
14. Am I okay with **taking risks** and making tough decisions?
15. Do people say that I **do not give up** easily?
16. Have I read the best **books** "specifically" about church planting?
17. What kind of pastoral, sectional or parent church **support** do I have before I start this church?
18. What significant projects have I **initiated** and **completed** in the past?
19. Am I considered a **"people person"** that is humble, teachable, sensitive, patient, winsome and a good listener?
20. Do people tend to sit up, listen and **come back** when I preach?
21. Do I display **discipline** (getting work done on time, keeping commitments, consistency, honesty) that encourage followers to **trust** my leadership?
22. Do I have an idea of what kind of church I'd like to plant (what would it **look like?**)
23. Do spiritually wise people in my life tell me that church planting is a **right fit** for me?
24. Do I have a **track record** (and evidence) of leading people and raising up leaders?
25. Is church planting my burning passion or just a **stepping stone** to another ministry in the future?
26. Understanding that a church planter needs to be visionary, evangelistic and committed to church growth, do I have **these qualities?**
27. Is my motivation for church planting to **reach lost people** (or dissatisfaction with my present situation)?
28. Do I have the **necessary training** and experience needed to do church planting effectively?
29. Am I **resilient** and **flexible** during seasons of stress?
30. Am I willing to be **bi-vocational** if necessary?

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