

# Victory Church - Embracing Destiny

## *Vision Casting 2020 and Beyond*

### I. Introduction

### II. The 7 Key Characteristics of the Antioch Church

1. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ church.

*"Now those who were scattered after the persecution...traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching...to no one but the Jews only. "However, some of the believers who went to Antioch...**began preaching to the Gentiles** about the Lord Jesus." Acts 11:19-20*

2. It was an \_\_\_\_\_ church.

*"But some of them...**when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists**, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the...Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord." Acts 11:20-21*

*"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and **he who wins souls is wise**." Proverbs 11:30 (NKJV)*

3. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ church.

*"...the church in Jerusalem...sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. **When he came and had seen the grace of God displayed there, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord**. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord..." Acts 11:22-25*

4. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ church.

*"Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that **for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch**." Acts 11:25-26 (NKJV)*

*"And daily **they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42*

5. It was a highly \_\_\_\_\_ church.

*"...The Prophet Agabus showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout the world...**Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the believers in Judea...So they sent it to the elders there by the hands of Barnabas and Saul**." Acts 11:27-30*

*"He who has **a generous eye will be blessed**..." Proverbs 22:9*

*"There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. **The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself**." Proverbs 11:24-25 (NKJV)*

6. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ center.

*"Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers...**As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said**, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:1-2 (NKJV)*

*"But You, Lord, are holy, **enthroned in the praises** of Israel." Psalm 22:3 (NKJV)*

**7. It was an aggressive \_\_\_\_\_ church.**

*"Then, having fasted and prayed, and **laid hands on them, they sent them away.**" Acts 13:3 (NKJV)*

### **III. Our Vision for 2020---and Beyond**

- o To see a massive harvest of souls come into the Kingdom of God---and into Victory Church---that we might make of them fully devoted followers of Christ
- o To acquire land for the construction of our new church facility.
- o To acquire 2 (or more) multi-family dwellings in the greater area to serve as Godly, Bible-based, Christ-centered life-recovery facilities----one for men, one for women
- o To continually strive to plant churches globally as the Holy Spirit opens the doors
- o To increase the community and regional impact of our ministry groups here at Victory such as: Grief Share; Divorce Care; Celebrate Recovery; Support groups for families affected by Alzheimer's and Dementia.
- o Increased partnerships with ministries such as Urban Alliance, World Vision, and others---for more a strategic and impactful evangelistic and humanitarian presence here in the greater region.
- o To provide supplies and manpower so as to better position our churches to become key resource centers for their communities in crisis times, as well as on an ongoing basis
- o To facilitate the increased expansion of our global Ministerial Fellowship
- o To search out increasingly effective ways to touch and care for the widowed and orphaned as the Lord provides opportunity
- o To continue planning for global medical and humanitarian missions trips when possible
- o To continue on with increased feeding and clothing and critical supply efforts---domestically and abroad---as the Lord grants us the opportunities
- o To partner with rescue ministry efforts concerning abused and abandoned and trafficked women & children
- o To be faithful to *"walk through every door"* that the Holy Spirit opens around the world!

**o To establish Bible Schools in every nation where we operate---including here at Victory Church in 2021.**

Answer Key:

1. frontier
2. evangelistic
3. fruitful
4. disciple-making and equipping
5. generous
6. worshipping church and resource
7. missions and establishing