# The Church’s Personality

To be able to take the necessary steps to become a powerful house of prayer, you need to determine where you are as a church and thus what type of church you are. A simple tool for such an evaluation follows. Other methods could be used for such an evaluation, but for our purposes we have developed a series of thirty questions divided under the headings of will and skill, designed to pinpoint a church’s weaknesses and strengths. Take a few minutes to answer each question, realising that the more honest you are in your evaluation, the sharper the needs and directions can be focused.

## Evaluating Your Church’s Will

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| * More than 25% of our membership is involved in some form of church sponsored prayer activity each week (small group, missions, early morning). | □ | □ |
| * Prayer is frequently mentioned from the pulpit as a solution to the problem under consideration. | □ | □ |
| * Staff/leadership have regularly scheduled prayer times (could be part of another meeting) to pray for each other, church, and congregational needs. | □ | □ |
| * Our church has prayer as a vital ingredient for outreach. | □ | □ |
| * An emergency prayer chain is in place. | □ | □ |
| * The pastor and key leadership are committed to putting prayer in a visible place in all church ministries. | □ | □ |
| * There are various prayer opportunities other than the traditional mid-week prayer meeting. | □ | □ |
| * We have a prayer team in place that prays during the worship service. | □ | □ |
| * People are praying for each other at unscheduled times. | □ | □ |
| * We have a paid staff position for our prayer ministry. | □ | □ |
| * Often the entire congregation has an opportunity to pray for others during the church service. | □ | □ |
| * Overall, when there is a major decision to be made, prayer is a key ingredient to the process. | □ | □ |
| * We have a prayer room, which is used frequently. | □ | □ |
| * We have a way of letting people know about answered prayer. | □ | □ |

## Evaluating Your Church’s Skill

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| * The Church has a volunteer/staff prayer co-ordinator who can model various prayer skills. | □ | □ |
| * We have one or more persons who are capable of dealing with people under spiritual attack. | □ | □ |
| * We have a seminar or some form of continuing education on prayer in the past year. | □ | □ |
| * There is a systematic way of compiling prayer requests and praying for them. | □ | □ |
| * Pastor(s) has (have) a group of prayer partners committed to covering him (them) and their family in prayer. | □ | □ |
| * Our church has identified and is using a least one person with a heart for intercession. | □ | □ |
| * Our people are not afraid to use the term “spiritual warfare” to identify the attacks of the enemy on the ministry and individuals. | □ | □ |
| * We offer opportunities for people to pray with staff or a prayer team at the conclusion of services. | □ | □ |
| * Our members regularly pray with other believers of other congregations too. | □ | □ |
| * We have committed prayer warriors in our congregation who are providing a real prayer covering for all church ministries. | □ | □ |
| * Prayer is seen as the first step in the solution to any problem either within the church or on a personal basis. | □ | □ |
| * Our church regularly sponsors prayer opportunities and prayer teachings for believers from the community. | □ | □ |
| * Teaching articles on prayer appear regularly in our church newsletter. | □ | □ |
| * Our people are excited about prayer and what they are seeing God do in their lives as a result of prayer. | □ | □ |
| * Our members know and are comfortable using several different styles of praying | □ | □ |

Count up only the yes answers and put the number in the blanks below.

Will ……………………. Skill ……………………….

**Start-Up Ministries:**

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| * Staff Prayer | * Prayer Cards |
| * Prayer Calendar | * Prayer List for Special Needs |
| * General Prayer Chain | * Day of Prayer Activities |
| * Praying Leaders | * Prayer in the Worship Service |
| * Teaching Children to Pray | * Prayer Triplets |

**Intermediate Ministries**:

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| * Prayer Co-ordinator | * Prayer Tape Ministry |
| * Prayer Vigil | * Prayer Retreat or Seminar |
| * Open Prayer Meeting | * Prayer Small Groups |
| * Membership Intercession Ministry | * Prayer Walking |
| * Prayer Breakfast | * Prayer Emphasis Week or Month |
| * Prayer Care Programme | * Prayer Chapel |
| * Family Prayer | * Prayer Cells |
| * Pastor’s Prayer Support Groups | * The Prayer Room |
| * Church Prayer Support Groups | * Prayer Groups for World Missions |

**Advanced Ministries**:

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| * Prayer Team Ministry | * Ministry of Intercession |
| * Healing Prayer Ministry | * Prayer Partnership Ministry |
| * Intercessory Support Ministry | * Prayer Telephone Ministry |
| * Concert of Prayer | * School of Prayer |
| * House of Prayer | * The School of Prayer |
| * Prayer Guides | * Senior Intercessors |