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## THE 10 MOST COMMON THINGS A CHURCH CONSULTANT WILL TELL YOUR CHURCH - RAINER ON LEADERSHIP #328

A [post by Chuck Lawless](#) serves as the basis for today's podcast. Dr. Lawless has been consulting with churches for nearly two decades and shared ten things he had learned from dozens of church consultations.

- Most of the time, when a church consultant is called in, it is too late.
- Every church should consider having a health check-up every three years.
- The primary purpose of contracting a church consultant is to have outside eyes that will point out things the church is blind to.
- Most pastors and lay leaders don't know the attendance trends in their own church.
- Just because a church is growing numerically doesn't mean it's growing transformationally.
- The pulpit has a primary purpose: the proclamation of the Word of God.

The ten items we discuss are:

1. **Churches often wait too long to address decline.**
2. **Statistics really are helpful.**
3. **Prayer in unhealthy churches is reactive rather than proactive.**
4. **Churches often settle for numerical growth rather than life transformation.**
5. **Churches do not know their community.**
6. **Most churches aren't ready for conversion growth if God were to send it.**
7. **Sometimes the most obvious suggestions seem the most revolutionary.**
8. **The leader in the pulpit matters.**
9. **In most churches, somebody wants the congregation to make an eternal difference.**
10. **God is still growing God's church.**

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