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- 75% percent were Christian.
- 64% say they pray more than once a day.
- 56% say they most often pray for family members, with 3.3% saying that they pray for strangers.
- A little over 38% say that the most important purpose of prayer is intimacy with God.
- 41% say that their prayers are answered often.
- 1.5% say that their prayers are never answered.
- Over 73% say when their prayers are not answered, the most important reason is because they did not fit God's plan.
- 5% say that they pray most often in a house of worship.
- 79% say that they pray most often at home.
- 67% say that in the past six months, their prayers have related to continually giving thanks to God.

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82% said they ask for health or success for a child or family member when they pray.

82% believed that God does not play favorites in answering prayers.

79% said God answers prayer for healing someone with an incurable disease.

75% asked for strength to overcome personal weakness.

73% answered that prayers for help in finding a job are answered.

51% agreed that God doesn't answer prayers to win sporting events.

36% have never prayed for financial or career success.

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- Prayer makes a difference ... we don't know how ... we just know it does.
- Prayer brings wisdom.
- Prayer provides strength for difficult times.
- Prayer convicts us of areas in our life that need changing.
- Prayer brings us assurance of our position in the Father.

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“I am too busy to pray.”

“I feel too spiritually dry to pray.”

“I feel no need to pray.”

“I am too bitter to pray.”

“I am too ashamed to pray.”

“I am content with mediocrity.”

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I. Three Ways to Pray Effectively

A. Be devoted to prayer v.2a

² Devote yourselves to prayer,



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Luke 18:1 (NIV) ¹ Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ pray continually;

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B. Be watchful in prayer

² ...being watchful

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

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C. Be thankful in prayer

² ...and thankful.

“Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude.”

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II. Four Ways to Focus Your Prayers

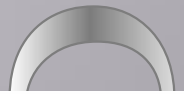
A. For those on the front lines of spiritual conflict

³ And pray for us, too,



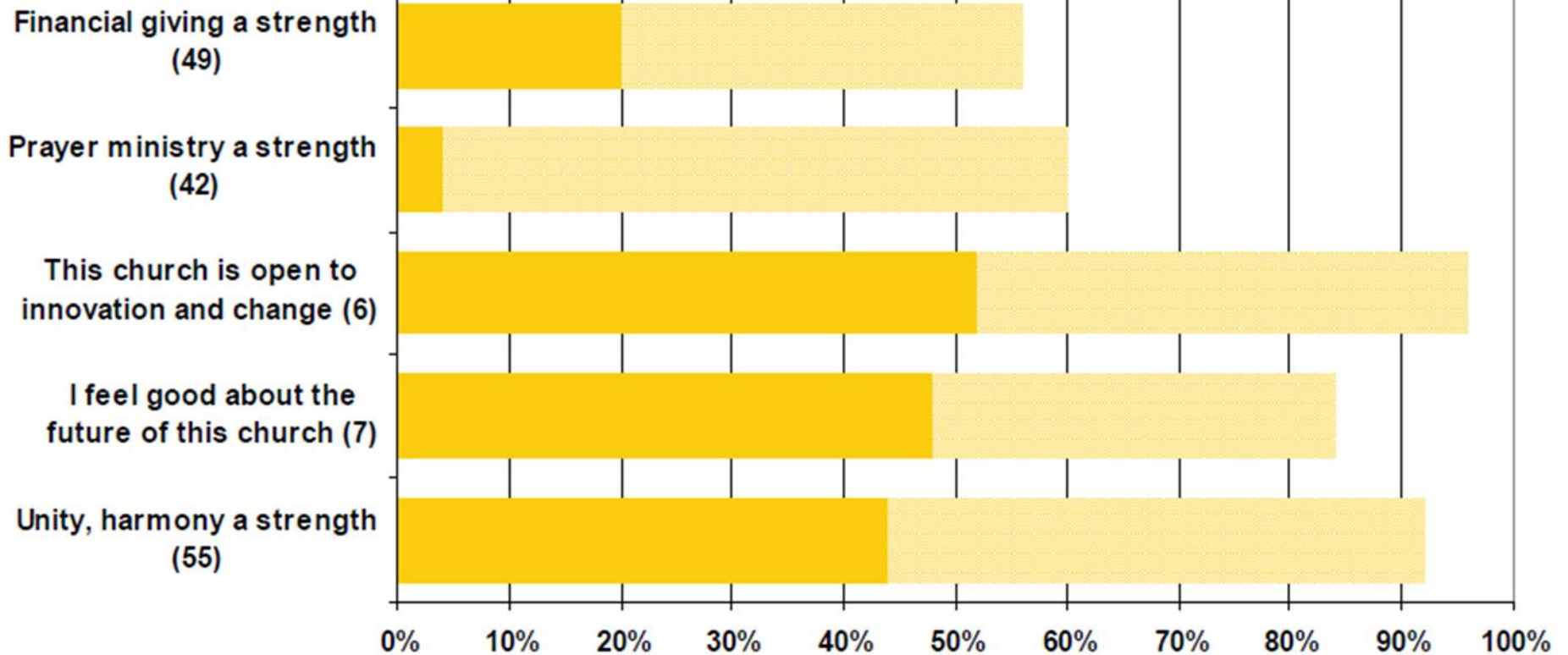
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Nazarene Missional Church Survey - Spiritual Vitality Menifee Valley Community

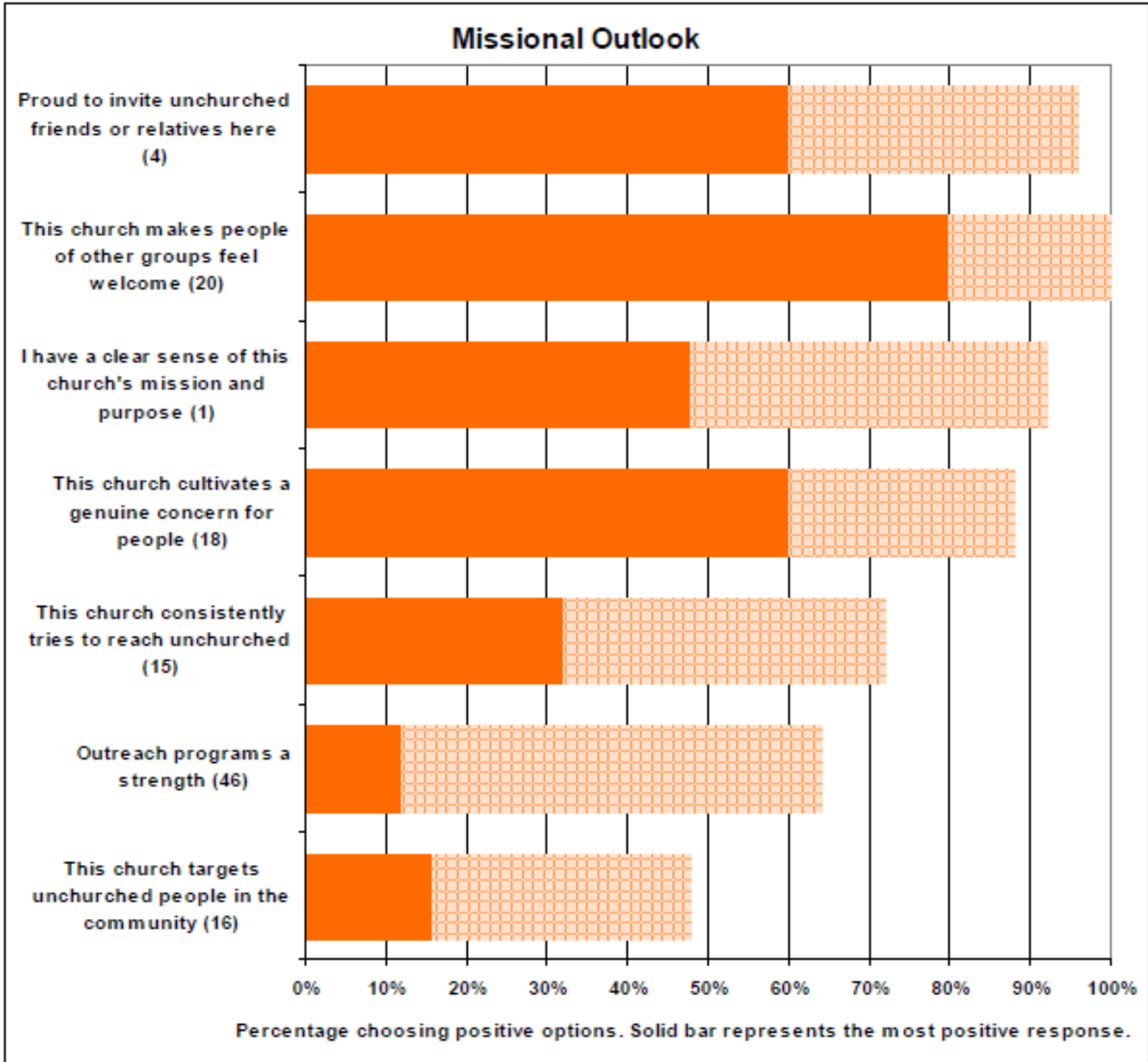
Spiritual Vitality - Attitudes



Percentage choosing positive options. Solid bar represents the most positive response.

Nazarene Missional Church Survey - Missional Outlook
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D. For clarity in presenting the gospel

⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

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