

ALL IN THE FAMILY

What Every Christian Needs to Grow - Part 3 of 4

"So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5

"... let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

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I. THE AMAZING _____ OF THE FIRST CHURCH

See Acts 1:15, 2:41, 47, 4:4, 5:14, 28, 6:1,7, 21:20

During the first 25 years of the Jerusalem church it grew from 120 people to over 100,000 members!

II. WHERE DID THEY _____ ALL THOSE PEOPLE?

"(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house." Acts 5:42

"Greet the church that meets in their home." Rom. 16:5
Also Acts 2:46, 8:3, 16:40, 20:20, 1 Cor. 16:19, Col. 4:15

III. HOW DID THEY _____ FOR SO MANY PEOPLE? ACTS 6:1-7

1. A Growing church is _____ (vs. 1)
"In those days the number of disciples was increasing..."
2. Church growth causes _____ (vs. 1b)
"... there were rumblings of discontent..." (LB)
3. Problems are always _____ (vs. 1c)
"The Greek speaking Jews claimed their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food." (GN)
4. The pastors cannot _____ (vs. 2)
"It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables."

5. _____ are to assist the pastors. (vs. 3)
"Choose seven men... full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them..."

6. The pastors are to focus on _____ (vs. 4)
"We will give our attention to prayer and the teaching of the Word."

7. The result of lay ministry was _____ (vs. 5, 7)
"This proposal pleased the whole group ... So the word of God spread and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly."

IV. WHAT ARE THE _____ OF A SMALL GROUPS/TRIADS Acts 2:42-47

1. I'll Understand _____
"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..."
2. I'll Feel Like a Part of _____
"... and to the fellowship ..."
3. I'll Exemplify _____ "... and to the breaking of bread..."
4. I'll Develop My _____ "... and to prayer..."
5. I'll Have A Place _____
"... they gave to anyone as he had a need..."
6. I'll Experience _____
"... they ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."
7. I'll Expand My Understanding _____
"praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people"
8. I'll Learn To Share _____
"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25