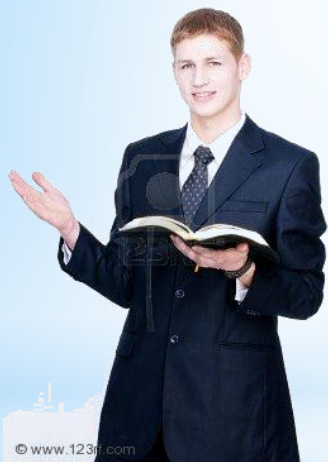


# The Growth of the Church

## “Growing into Maturity”



“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”

Hebrews 5:14

“For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe”  
Hebrews 5:13



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\* Begins with one on one study



\* Which converts families



\* Leading to saved Christians!



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## \* Grew in the first century

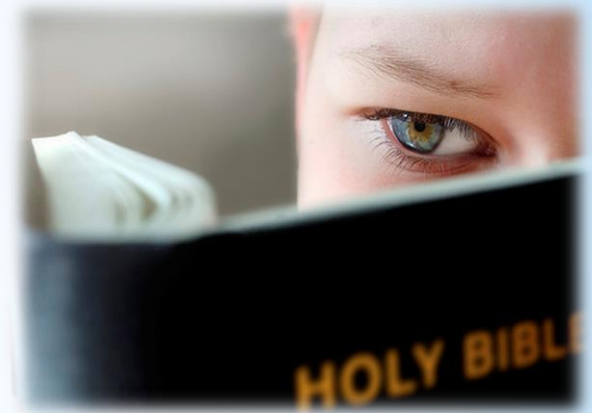
\* Acts 4:4; 5:14; 6:1,7; 8:4-5,12;  
2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2

## \* Requires a united effort

\* John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10;  
Philippians 1:27; 3:16; Romans 14:19

## \* Be Steadfast

\* Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 15:58



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**\* Have faith in what we teach**

\* 2 Timothy 1:12; Colossians 1:21-23;  
Galatians 1:10

**\* Must Sacrifice**

\* 2 Corinthians 8:5; Romans 12:1-2;  
2 Corinthians 8:11-12

**\* Must uphold the light**

\* Philippians 2:14-16; Matthew 5:16





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## What are we willing to do?

- \* Have unity?
- \* Be steadfast in the faith?
- \* Believe what we teach?
- \* Make sacrifices along the way?
- \* Let our lights shine everyday?
- \* Work at making this church strong?



Before the church can grow – we must grow