

## Prayer

It has been said that a church advances on it's knees. The person who does not pray, does not grow in God. A church that does not pray does not grow. No prayer, no growth - for the individual or the church. Prayer brings revival, revival results in spiritual renewal, spiritual renewal brings witnessing and soul winning. This equals church growth.

## Power to Witness

Real church growth cannot occur without courageous preaching and teaching of God's Word. Also neither can there be much church growth without witnessing from the members of the church. The world will never be won to Christ from the pulpit alone. This task requires the effort of all God's people, praying, witnessing working and giving of themselves.

## Great Grace

A growing church has "great grace upon it". If the church members are critical of the preacher, the choir, the ushers, stewards, stewardesses, trustees, the Sunday school, YPDs, and everybody who participate in ministries, if it is a griping, fault-finding, gossiping, and complaining church, it will not grow. A church should have enthusiastic, fascinating members who love attending church and especially hearing about their resurrected Lord.

## Willing Givers

A growing church is a giving church. The members who grows in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus is a person who has learned stewardship, willing to share their material blessing with God through the church. When those first church members shared their possessions with the church, "the number of disciples were multiplied", Acts 6:1, "believers were the more added to the Lord", Acts 5:14, "and the Lord added to the church daily" Acts 2:47

It is the plan of God that the church grow. That it be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit direct and empower the worship, the walk, and the work of the church and that the church through the power of the Holy Spirit evangelize the world.

The Pastor plays a tremendous part in the spiritual and numerical growth of the church. He provides leadership in recruiting, training and directing people as he organizes and promotes the church. But his most effective leadership in church growth is in the spiritual area where he leads the people to pray, encourages the church to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to boldly witness for Christ.

He encourages the people to show the fruit of the Spirit, to give of their time, talent, and treasure to God through the church and to be of one mind and on one accord



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## The Lay Organization and Church Growth

