



Growth is evidence of personal and organizational health.

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

I. God wants _____ to grow

a. It is _____ by _____

...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:15-16, ESV)

b. It is _____ by _____

Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I [Paul] planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. (1 Corinthians 3:5-7, NLT)

c. It is _____ by _____

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. (1 Peter 2:1-2, NLT)

II. God wants _____ to grow

a. As Christ _____ it

i. by his _____

Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. (Ephesians 5:23, NIV)

ii. through his _____

It was he [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Ephesians 4:11-12, NIV)

iii. to be _____

...the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. (Colossians 2:19, NIV)

b. As the Holy Spirit _____ it

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47b, NIV)