

Growing Pains

Sermon Outline: Sunday, January 28th, 2024

Introduction

“Spirit on the Move!”

Big Idea- Spirit-led growth results in both fruit and opposition

Text

Acts 6:1-7

I. The “Problem” of Growth (vs.1-2)

A. Real needs! (vs.1b)

— A growing church increases in diversity & diverse needs

B. Right priorities- Yet, “It would not be right...” (vs.2b)

1. Preaching/teaching/prayer (vs.2b,4)
2. Serving/meeting needs (2b, 3b)

Apply — What needs might I be called to help meet at GBC?

II. The Solution of Seven to Serve (vs.3-6)

A. Holy vessels (vs.3a)

1. Good reputation
2. Spirit-led
3. Full of wisdom

B. All serving in the Church can be worship (vs.6)

Apply — Practical solutions to GBC’s growth:

III. The Outcome of Fruit and Fracturing (vs.7-15)

A. Fruit: (vs.7)

1. The Word of God spread
2. The disciples increased in number
3. The religious were converted (don't miss this!)
4. The practical needs were addressed

Illustration: The "fruit" of your generosity here at GBC

B. Fracturing:

1. Opposition is inevitable (vs.8-15)
 2. The testimony of three lives: Stephen, Philip, Saul
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IV. Conclusion & Final Application

- A. Where am I a part of the fruit in my church family?
- B. How am I in opposition to what God is doing?