

## Five Steps to True Church Growth

In this article you may learn what causes true [church growth](#) but many readers have been lied to for too long and will turn away before you see the [truth](#).

This truth is: "church growth" is a bad thing.

It is easy to find many sites with such titles as "Pro Christian Blogger", "Pro Christian Speaker" or sites teaching you to grow your congregation ("Pro Church growth" maybe) by this marketing method or that one. "Professional Christian" is a deception they do not exist.

We don't need a figure head. We don't need [professional christians](#) we need real followers of a real Christ.

We don't need another show.

So what if we do things as well as the world when they've always done it that way? Replace style with reality.

The name of Jesus is a joke to most people and it was us, our actions, that caused it to be so.

Where is the reality? Where is the kindness, where is the love for those no one else wants to touch.

After you have stopped the bleeding you can show people the gospel. But first you must heal those wounds where there is nothing to gain.

"Church growth" is an obsession invented in hell.

1 - Give up trying to grow - these are people not numbers. This is not points on a score card because if you pull in 5 billion but cause just one to fall you have failed. "Church growth" is nothing to do with you.

2 - Give up your pastor's [salary](#) - God will bless who he will bless. Work a part time job to feed your family if you must - there is no shame in this. Saint Paul worked for a year making tents. What can we do for the sheep when the wolves are on full time pay? It's currently too lucrative to work in a church. "Church growth" is nothing to do with you.

3 - Give up the [sports car](#), the caviar and the choicest foods - You can not afford them and the price to bring people to [Christ](#). Rather than getting paid to "pastor" take no wage. Put as much money of your as you can towards helping your people - work hard at this.

4 - Be ready to give up the nice building. If it is the will of the master the building will be taken care of. Take no offering, accept no tithes, sell no tapes. Give away your books and your tapes and CDs. Who paid the temple tax? Who fed the Israelites. How did the widow live without every buying more oil or flour? "Church growth" is nothing to do with you.

5 - Give up counting the congregations - these are people not numbers. If you are left with just one deaf, unwashed street dweller: then care for that street dweller as if he were your own child. "Church growth" is nothing to do with you.

The true [pastor](#) has no time to be at the front because he or she is at the back supporting the [weak](#), at the home of the sick or crying with the broken. Church is simply somewhere the true pastor goes when they have time.

It is God Himself that gives. It is God himself that protects you and is God alone that rewards you. Let no one else take God's place as giver of rewards. There is no such thing as "church growth" in a healthy church - at best a church should be a place where people learn to go and care for others or be cared for. If your church is growing then there are more needy than you thought or the people have yet to have their needs met.

For God is not a man that he should lie. He says "Test me now in this, see if I will not open up the windows of heaven..."

There is more that stand on our side no matter what you see.

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