

How the Way Began to Thrive

There are fascinating details of the success of the church in the book of Acts. Those involved in spreading the gospel were often referred to as those of "the Way." (*John 14:6*) They were able to thrive in so many different circumstances. Can we follow their example and still find the same zeal today? Think of how the church could grow showing the power and wisdom of God.

1.) There's a Way to Grow in Every Circumstance

- A. _____ when preaching and teaching (*Acts 4:1-4; Acts 6:1*)
- B. _____ when dealing with a difficult problem (*Acts 6:2-7*)
- C. Take advantage of _____ times (*Acts 9:31*)
- D. _____ can have a positive effect (*Acts 11:19-21*)
- E. God's _____, when recognized often causes growth (*Acts 12:20-24*)
- F. It happens when _____ is addressed and refuted. (*Acts 16:3-5*)
- G. True _____ will always bring cause growth in the church (*Acts 19:17-19*)

2.) Appreciate the Need to Win Souls (*Prov.11:30*)

- A. There is an urgent for laborers (*Matt.9:37-38; John 4:35*)
- B. It is the greatest work than can be done (*James 5:20; 1 John 3:16; Matt. 16:26*)
 - ◆ We need the compassion of Christ (*Matt.9:36, 14:14, 20:34; Mk.1:41, 6:34; Luke 7:13*)
- C. Being a Part of God's Wise Plan (*Rom.10:14-15; 1 Cor.1:21; Rom. 1:16*)
 - ◆ The church's part (*1 Tim.3:14-15*)
 - ◆ The Christians' part (*Phil.2:15-16; 1 Pet.3:15; Matt.28:19; 2 Tim.2:2*)
 - ◆ The plan works (*John 9:4; Acts 5:42; Acts 8:1-4*)

3.) Overcoming Obstacles

- A. Fear fades away with _____ (*2 Tim.2:15; 2 Pet. 1:5*)
- B. Gain _____ and become teachers (*Col.4:6; 2 Tim. 2:23-25*)
- C. Think about what waits for those who have _____ (*2 Tim.4:7-8*)