



Biblical Recipe *for* Church Growth *by Pst. Sola John*

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Acts 2: 41-46



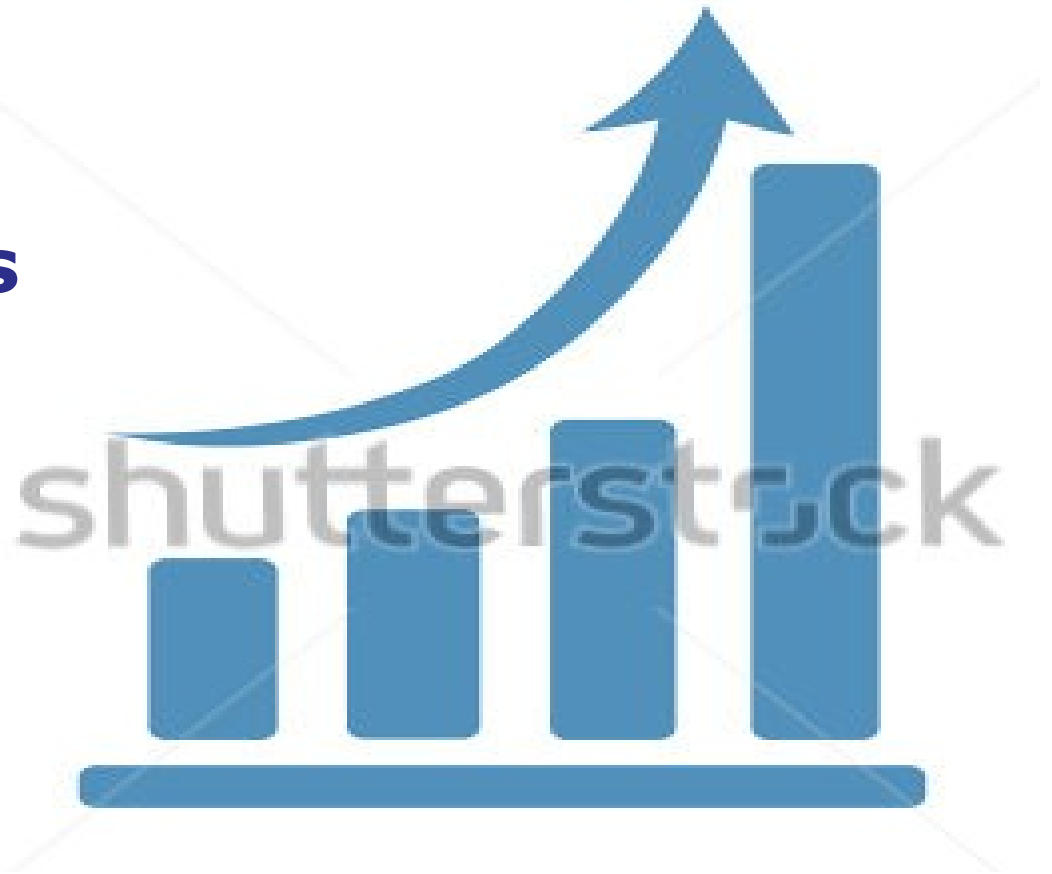
The early church grew based on the practice of certain biblical norms which are still relevant to contemporary times



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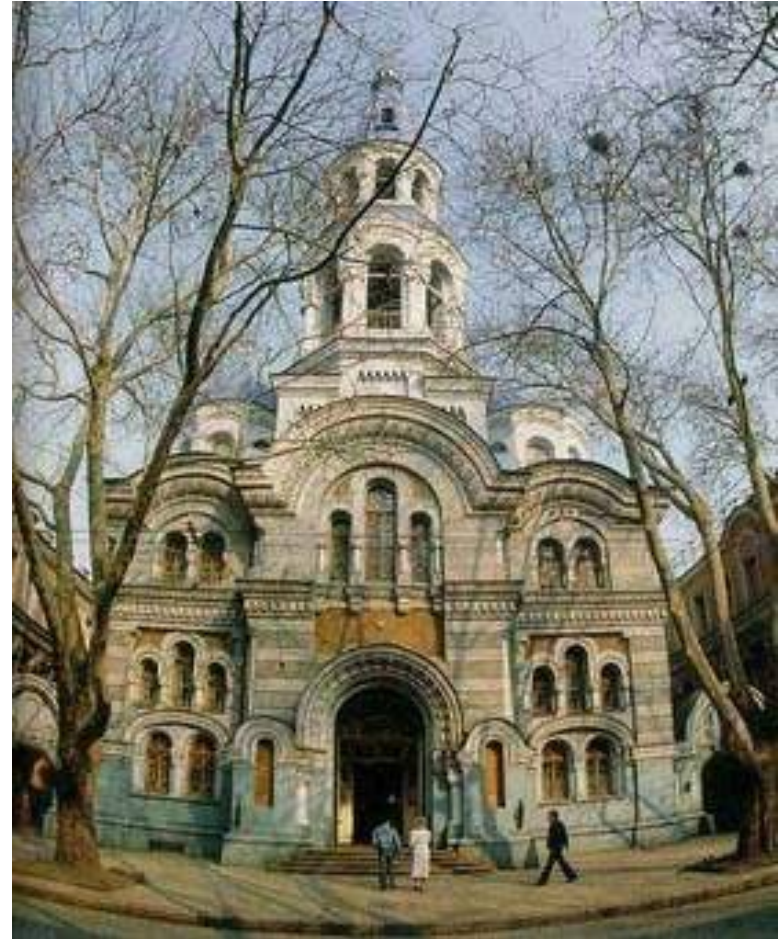
**We can learn
from these
Biblical patterns
to understand
the basic
ingredients
required for
church growth**



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Research has
shown that the
older a church,
the more the
members get
concerned with
**SELF-
PRESERVATION**



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The outcome of this is that they gradually lose sight of the original reason for the existence of the church in order to preserve old identities.

The church becomes self-centered, self serving and growth STOPS.



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No 1. PAY ATTENTION TO DISCIPLING

This is the purpose of the church.

**To make disciples of all
nations**



TRUE
DISCIPLESHIP

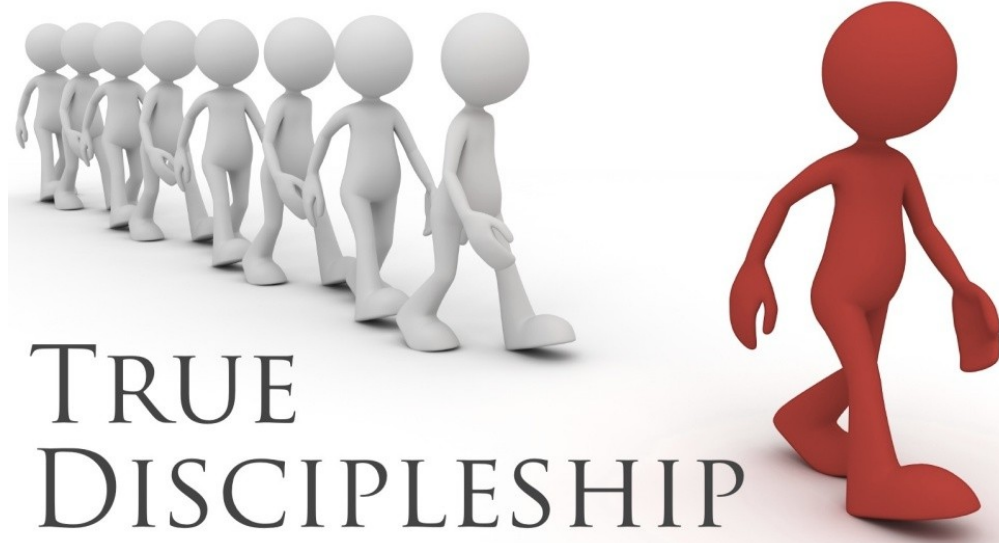


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No 1. PAY ATTENTION TO DISCIPLING

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matt 28:19

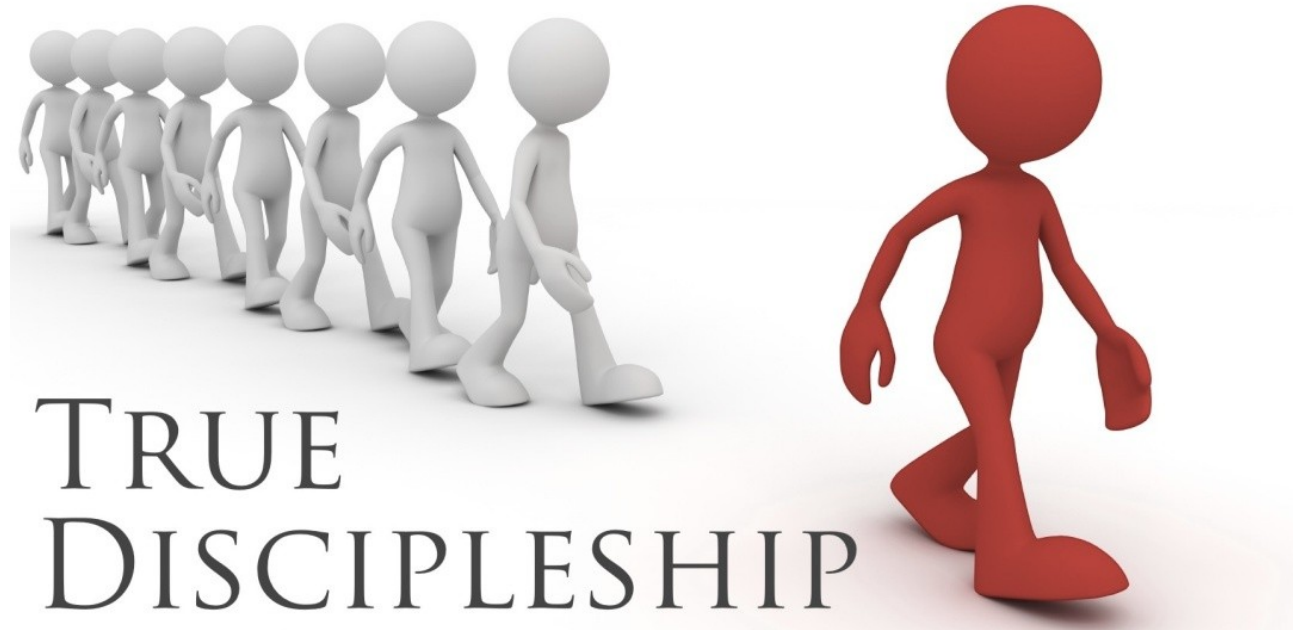


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No 1. PAY ATTENTION TO DISCIPLING

And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

Mark 1:38



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No 1. PAY ATTENTION TO DISCIPLING

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15



**TRUE
DISCIPLESHIP**



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No 1. PAY ATTENTION TO DISCIPLING

Discipleship involves training and mentoring.

Training cannot be over emphasized

**It helps
Converts to
Discover their
True purpose in
Christ.**



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No 1. PAY ATTENTION TO DISCIPLING

ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION TO THESE DISCIPLESHP ACTIVITIES IN RCCG?

- ✓What % of your new comers join workers training
- ✓What percentage of your newcomers join baptismal class
- ✓What % join the SOD , Bible College, etc
- ✓What is the quality of ministers in charge of these activities

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No 2. OPEN THE IN-ROUTE DOOR OF FRINDSHIP

The commonest in-route to church is the interaction of Christians with the non-christians and the un-churched people around us

More people come to church through the influence of friends



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No 2. OPEN THE IN-ROUTE DOOR OF FRINDSHIP

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

John 1:43-47



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No 2. OPEN THE IN-ROUTE DOOR OF FRINDSHIP

Constantly encourage and teach your church to use their social connections to bring people into the church.

Deliberately create the structures and activities that will make it easy For them to share the gospel more easily.



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No 2. OPEN THE IN-ROUTE DOOR OF FRINDSHIP

Introduce the following:

- ✓ ***tract clubs / evangelism club***
- ✓ ***List 7 names of unchurched people in your social network or among your friends***
- ✓ ***Pray for them daily during your prayers or quiet time***
- ✓ ***Tag their names in your Bible as a reminder***

Seek opportunities to bring them to church especially during special events.



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No 3. LET CHURCH BE RELEVANT TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS

*Most people around who do not go to church are not thinking about **ETERNAL LIFE** but rather about their immediate needs.*

- **Jobs**
- **Relationship**
- **Health**
- **Kids**
- **Finances**
- **Hobby / Sports**



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No 3. LET CHURCH BE RELEVANT TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS

*The church must begin to connect with the peoples needs, both personal and communal, **THROUGH** programmes and activities*



CHURCH

+

**NEED
(RELATIONSHIP)**

=

**RELEVANT
CHURCH**



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No 3. LET CHURCH BE RELEVANT TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS

Jesus did the same at the well of Jacob.

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever Drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto



him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. John 4: 13-15

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No 4. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY AMONG YOUR MEMBERS

Research has shown again and again that the first ingredient that keeps people in church is good connection with others in the church.

If people have friends in the church, they are more likely to stay in that church and vice versa



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No 4. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY AMONG YOUR MEMBERS

*You have to **intentionally** introduce activities that foster friendship, creates connection, interactions and friendliness*

Common factors to consider in creating such activities are

- ✓ **Age**
- ✓ **Interest**
- ✓ **Family status etc.**



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No 4. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY AMONG YOUR MEMBERS

These activities will be both spiritual and recreational but beneficial.

We do not all have the same interest but there are always common interest in common groups.

Involve everyone in At least one group.



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No 5. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LIFE EXPERIENCES THAT DRAWS PEOPLE TO GOD

Life is in seasons. There are times people naturally tend to need more love, attention, help and people around them.

Teach your people to use these times to reach the unreached, establish a link and make good friendship for the love of Christ.

Get close to them at such times



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No 5. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LIFE EXPERIENCES THAT DRAWS PEOPLE TO GOD

People tend to respond to spiritual things when life changes occur. e.g.



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Joblessness



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Relocation



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No 5. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LIFE EXPERIENCES THAT DRAWS PEOPLE TO GOD

*Take advantage of
TOUGH seasons to
show love, concern,
care, and assistance.*

*Such people with
health crisis,
bereaved, retiring, divorced, are found
around us from time to time, even
among existing members.*



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No 6. LOVE AND UNITY IS ONE FEATURE OF THE CHURCH THAT WILL GROW

The most common reason why people leave the church is gossip, backbiting, and lack of love.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 2:46-47



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No 6. LOVE AND UNITY IS ONE FEATURE OF THE CHURCH CHURCH THAT WILL GROW

Poor people management skill of Pastors will always thwart growth especially Conflict management

**Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God**
Matt 5:9



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NO 6. ONLY A HEALTHY CHURCH CAN GROW. LOVE AND UNITY IS ONE FEATURE OF THE CHURCH

Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Deut. 28: 47-48



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No 7. FELLOWSHIP

Some pastors are in the habit of closing down their churches for every presentable excuse.

This will hinder the growth. The house of God is a place of prayer



And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 5: 42



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No 8. SOUL EDIFYING WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Research shows that the number two reason most young adults stay in a church is soul edifying worship and praise.

***Investing a little
in music, It is not
carnal or worldly to
Dance in church***

***The only thing
we give God in***



service is **worship**



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No 8. SOUL EDIFYING WORSHIP AND PRAISE

I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.



Psalm 138: 1-3

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No 9. SOUND TEACHING OF THE WORD

The Bible must be taught in such a way that it can be applied to the people's life.

Heretic sermons or poor presentation of the word without authority will drive men away from Your church.



And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine ... Acts 2:42



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No 9. SOUND TEACHING OF THE WORD

This is the primary way to grow your people.

As you grow your people spiritually, your church

must grow numerically.

GROW YOUR MEN
AND YOUR CHURCH WILL GROW



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No 10. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The apostles were first baptised in the Holy Spirit before the power to grow the church fell upon them.

It was that empowerment that brought the numerous sign and wonders that spurred church growth



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No 10. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Acts 2: 2-4



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No 10. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

It was the manifestation of the works of the spirit that led to miracles, deliverance and salvation of souls

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Acts 2:43



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No 10. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; ... Isaiah 61:1-4



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