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# Grace Mission Pt. 2: GROW

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Basic principle: Things that have life in them are expected to grow to their full maturity. . . as they receive proper nourishment and exercise.











**5** What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. **7** So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. **8** Now the one planting and the one watering are one in purpose, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. **9** For we are God's coworkers. You are God's field, God's building.



**10** According to God's grace that was given to me, I have laid a foundation as a skilled master builder, and another builds on it. But each one must be careful how he builds on it. **11** For no one can lay any other foundation than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ. **12** If anyone builds on that foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, **13** each one's work will become obvious, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work.

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of the Living God in you.

We grow as we receive the Word and practice  
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the way it has been designed.



## Eph 4:11-16

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<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ. <sup>16</sup> From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part.

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Key description of the process of church growth:

Speaking the truth in love, → let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ.

Result: Each part is strengthened because it is nourished and allowed to exercise its gifting/role

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