# God Empowered Growth

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## INTRODUCTION

- What do we have to do to grow?
- To grow in Christ, we don't set out to grow. We set out to taste his goodness.
- If the glory of God is not shining out of us, if it's not coming out of our life, none of that's going to do any good.

## 1 Elevate God's Purposes

**Ephesians 1:6–14; Ephesians 4:3; Ephesians 4:11–12**

- God's purpose is to bring unity in Jesus Christ, to bring all things together in heaven and on earth.
- This whole plan and all of this is about God's power and about God's glory.
- What he wants is what is most vital.
- It's our job to recognize and then maintain this unity.
- The point of this is to equip the saints for the work of ministry or service.
- By this, all will know that you are my disciples, the love that you have for one another.

## 2 Embrace Truth's Power

**Ephesians 4:15; Ephesians 4:21–24; Acts 5:13–14**

- We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head into Christ.
- We need to speak truth. And not be afraid to speak truth.
- Embrace difference. Don't be afraid of being different.
- There's no negotiation with the king. What the king says goes.
- None of the rest dared join them. But the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.
- What we need to show them is the goodness of the Lord can fill that void.

## 3 Engage With Our Abilities

**Ephesians 4:7–8; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12**

- Grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
- Every single person who is in Christ has something to offer.
- Each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
- It matters when we think about what the body is supposed to be, every little part makes a difference.
- Every part working properly, that's what makes the body grow.
- Don't minimize what it is you have to offer. What is your part? What do you supply?

THE CHALLENGE

If you realize in your life tonight that you haven't been supplying what you need to supply, it's time to make a change.

MY NOTES