

Ready, Set, Grow!

For quite some time now we have been working toward an expansion of our facilities. There has been a lot of preparation, planning and effort going into the physical expansion. You might say we have been getting **READY** for a long time and we are now **SET** to see the beginnings of our efforts and we will soon see the **GROWTH** of the building.

However, have you ever considered that this physical pattern of *ready, set, grow* follows the spiritual design found in scripture? For many years we as members of the congregation have been **READY** to sow seed and grow. We are now at a time in our history and in the community that we are **SET** for growth. And now as we all plant and water, God will give the **GROWTH**.

Have you noticed how many scriptures speak of “add”, “increase”, “multiply”, and “grow”? It is our duty and expectation from God as his children to be active in always being *Ready* and *Set* to teach others for God to bless us with *Growth*. If we are all working in the kingdom as God desires, then *Growth* is a natural result.

- 1) *...and that day about three thousand souls were **added** to them (Acts 2:41).*
- 2) *And the Lord **added** to the church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:47).*
- 3) *...believers were increasingly **added** to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women (Acts 5:14).*
- 4) *...the number of the disciples was **multiplying** (Acts 6:1).*
- 5) *...the number of the disciples **multiplied** greatly in Jerusalem (Acts 6:7).*
- 6) *...the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria..., they were **multiplied**. (Acts 9:31).*
- 7) *And a great many people were **added** to the Lord (Acts 11:24).*
- 8) *But the word of God **grew** and **multiplied** (Acts 12:24).*
- 9) *...the churches were strengthened in the faith, and **increased** in number daily (Acts 16:5).*
- 10) *So the word of the Lord **grew** mightily and prevailed (Acts 19:20).*
- 11) *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the **increase** (1 Corinthians 3:6).*
- 12) *He who supplies seed to the sower...will supply and **multiply** your seed for sowing and **increase** the harvest of your righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:10).*
- 13) *...when each part is working properly, makes the body **grow** (Ephesians 4:16)*
- 14) *...from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, **grows** with a **growth** that is from God (Colossians 2:19).*

The building has been *Ready*, is now *Set* and will *Grow* with God’s blessing. Let’s all do our part to be sure we are sowing the seed because we are *Ready*, we are *Set* and God will see to it that we *Grow*. May God continue to bless us with growth in our numbers and more importantly may we all continue to grow in spiritual maturity.

For the elders
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