

We "ALL" have our place, even the homeless guy standing on the street corner with the sign saying "The End Is Near". What is your place, are you doing what you were created for? Are you following the mandate given to "ALL" who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, that of "making disciples of all nations?" It is NOT about numbers but obedience. The only soul you may be asked to lead to Christ may be Joe Shmoe, the guy working next to you at Wal Mart. What you DONT KNOW, is that he is to become the next Billy Graham, Chuck Smith or Art Katz.

We are so carnal in our thinking. We think that some great evangelist's reward will be so much greater than our own, NOT!!! If his task was to lead 500,000 to Christ and because of some disobedience he only led 400,000 and your task was to lead your family to Christ and raise your children for God and you did so, it is your obedience that will reap the greater reward. Stop thinking numbers, stop being legalistic and just focus on relationship. In John He says, "If you LOVE me you WILL obey me". It's not about the LAW which creates fear which produces FEIGNED sporadic obedience. It's about LOVE that compels you to consisrtantly do what puts a smile on your loved one's face. Just sayin!!!

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## **CHURCH GROWTH**

### **How is that accomplished?**

1. How many of you reading this want to see your church grow?
2. How many of you want to see the Body of Christ grow?
3. How many of you realize that they are not inherently the same thing?

It should be but seldom is; most of the time it is just the result of migration. Seldom is it souls saved, sinners converted or even MIA's or POW's restored, it is NOT church growth in the Biblical sense. It is merely the migration of sheep (saints) moving from one pasture (Pastor) to the another; not necessarily a bad thing but neither is it Biblical growth. Growth involves new birth which requires focus (a deliberate act of intimacy) and is often difficult, painful, messy, time consuming and typically not convenient. Large gatherings where souls enter the Kingdom in mass numbers is a viable method of growth, but not the norm or **the Biblical pattern** of the apostles. It says in Acts that souls were added to the "Church" daily. MSG (Acts 2:46-47 They followed a **daily** discipline of worship in the Temple (**we are the temple**) followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added to those who were saved.)