

3 Gospel of Th 1:1 → Ministry of the Gospel of Th 15:16ff

= Activates Gospel in  Like Julian w my 


X-tian growth projected at an annual rate of 3.4 %

Year	# of X-tians	% of population*
40	1,000	—
50	1,397	—
100	7,434	—
150	39,560	0.07
180	107,863	0.18
200	210,516	0.35
250	1,120,246	1.9
300	5,961,290	9.9
312	8,904,032	14.8
350	31,722,8489	52.9

\* Based on estimated imperial population of 60 million

Rodney Stark, Cities of God

## ① GOSPEL LEADERSHIP

 Paul's Apostolic Ministry → Principles

1. Priestly 15:16
2. Powerful 15:17-19
3. Pioneering 15:20-21
4. Personal 15:22-29

**Apply**

While the age of Apostles is over, the Principles of Gospel leadership are still vital and necessary today! **POURED OUT**

## ② GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

☰ Paul calls for partnership in Gospel 15:30-32  
Then models + celebrates it!

- ☑ Phoebe 16:1-2
- ☑ Prisca + Aquila (3-5a)
- ☑ Epaenetus (5)
- ☑ Mary (6)
- ☑ Adronicus + Junia (7)
- ☑ Ampliatus (8)
- ☑ Urbanus (9)
- ☑ Stachys (9)
- ☑ Apelles (10)
- ☑ Family of Aristobulus (10)
- ☑ Herodian (11)
- ☑ Family of Narcissus (11)
- ☑ Tryphaena + Tryphosa (12)
- ☑ Persis (12)
- ☑ Rufus + His Mother (13)
- ☑ Asyncritus, Plegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas  
+ the brothers who are w. them. (14)

☑ Philologus, Julia, Nereus + his sister,  
Olympas + all the saints. w. them (15)

☑ All the churches of Christ greet you

## Observations + Applications

1. The wonderful diversity + unity of early church

2. The important roles and recognition of  
women in the ministry of the church.

Phoebe, etc. Rodney Stark The Rise of Christianity

We must do this too!

3. The incredibly motivated men + women +  
families who gave their gifts + leveraged their  
\$ + 🏠 + time for the advance of the Gospel

We should too! My list 


But I'm weak, tired, falling apart, cant hold it  
together! ME TOO!

## ③ GOSPEL POWER

☰☰ Gospel is the power of  $\Theta$  for salvation (1:16)  
God will strengthen you thru the gospel,  
and bring about the obedience of faith (1:5, 15:26)

HE IS ABLE TO STRENGTHEN YOU!