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Acts 2:41 (NASB95)

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:42 (NASB95)

⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Theme: God raises up leaders in the church so that they can edify the body of Christ and evangelize the lost.

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Part 1: The Church deals with
growth wisely

Part 2: An Introduction to
Stephen

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Section 1: The Problem (1)

Acts 4:32 (NASB95)

³² And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

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Section 1: The Problem (1)

Section 2: The Solution (2-4)

1 Corinthians 12:13–18

¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

1 Peter 4:11 (NASB95) (Emphasis Added)

¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 4:11–13 (NASB95)

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

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Section 1: The Problem (1)

Section 2: The Solution (2-4)

Section 3: The Action (5-6)

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Section 4: The Result (7-8)

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Section 5: The Opposition (9-10)

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Section 6: The Slander (11-15)

How do we apply this?

1. Consider how you are promoting unity.
2. Consider where you would like to serve in the church
3. Praise God for raising up faithful stewards in our church
4. Pray for and evangelize to the lost