

How to Grow in Love
Ephesians 4:1-16, Nehemiah 4:1-6
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1. The church grows in love when each part _____.
Ephesians 4:16 ***From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.***

2. _____ has work to do.
Ephesians 4:7 ***But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.***

I Corinthians 12:7 ***Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.***

Romans 12:6-8 ***We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.***

Psalms 90:17 ***May the favor^a of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.***

3. The clergy _____ to work.
Ephesians 4:11-12 ***So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.***

Acts 6:2-4 ***So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”***

4. We see God’s people _____ in Nehemiah.
Nehemiah 4:6 ***So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.***

5. _____ motivates us to work.

Ephesians 2:8-10 ***For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

James 2:17-19 ***In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.¹⁹You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.***

6. God has work for _____.