

Embracing Growth
“Allowing Your Pastor To Grow”
(Part 1)
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I. The Growing Demands Of Ministry Requires _____

*Eph. 4:15 “Instead, we will speak the truth in love, **growing in every way** more and more like Christ...” (NLT)*

*II Peter 3:18 “Rather, you must **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” (NLT)*

*Rom. 12:2 “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you** into a new person by changing the way you think...” (NLT)*

A. I must continue to grow in wisdom (Head)

Ecc. 10:10 “Using a dull ax requires great strength, so sharpen the blade. That’s the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed.” (NLT)

B. I must continue to grow in _____ (Heart)

C. I must continue to grow in _____ (Hands)

II. The Growing Demands Of Ministry Can _____ A Pastor’s Life

Ps. 127:2 “It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.” (NLT)

Prov. 12:25 “Worry weighs a person down...” (NLT)

A. The sobering statistics

Prov. 18:14 “The human spirit can endure a sick body, but who can bear a crushed spirit?” (NLT)

B. The fish bowl syndrome

C. The duration

III. The Growing Demands Of Ministry Requires Times For _____

A. Renewal requires _____

*Lev. 25:3-5 “For six years you may plant your fields and prune your vineyards and harvest your crops, but during the seventh year the land must have a Sabbath year of **complete rest**. It is the LORD’s Sabbath. Do not plant your fields or prune your vineyards during that year. And don’t store away the crops that grow on their own or gather the grapes from your unpruned vines. The land must have a year of **complete rest**.” (NLT)*

B. Renewal requires _____

Prov. 1:5 “Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.” (NIV)

Prov. 24:6 “For by wise guidance you will wage war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.” (NASB)

C. Renewal requires a congregational _____

Phil. 2:1-2 “Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.” (NLT)