

Building Or Babbling?

(Genesis 11:1-9)

- Introduction:
1. We need to be interested in church growth.
 2. However, we sometimes excuse our lack of growth by laying all the blame on the sinner.
 3. In this lesson, we will examine the building of the tower of Babel and uncover some essential qualities for church growth.

I. The Account Of The Tower Of Babel

- A. (Genesis 11:1-9).
- B. Because of pride, the people begin to build a city with a large tower.
- C. God was not pleased with their effort, so He confuses their language and brings a halt to the building.

II. Three Essential Qualities Of Church Growth

- A. Unity.
 1. (Genesis 11:6).
 2. We need to be united.
 - a. (John 17:20-21).
 - b. (Ephesians 4:3).
 - c. (Matthew 12:25).
 - d. (Ecclesiastes 4:12).
 3. We need to forfeit our ease, grudges, and our opinions in order to achieve unity (Ephesians 4:3, 32; Romans 14:1-3).
 4. There is great danger in a divisive man (Numbers 16; 1 Cor. 5:6; Titus 3:10).
- B. Communication.
 1. (Genesis 11:6).
 2. Elders must communicate with the church (1 Peter 5:1-3).
 3. The church must communicate with the elders (1 Thess. 5:12).
 4. Christians must communicate with Christians (John 13:35).
 5. A lack of communication will breed distrust, and will create an "us" and "them" attitude.
- C. Commitment.
 1. (Genesis 11:3-4,6).
 2. Compare with rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 4:6).
 3. (1 Peter 3:15).

- Conclusion:
1. Let's recognize the potential in possessing these three qualities.
 2. Only God could stop them (Genesis 11:6).
 3. While they used these qualities for evil, just think of the good that could be accomplished if we would use these same qualities for a good purpose.