





CHURCH



The Seven "Laws" of Real Church Growth



“Natural Laws”

The Law of Context

Real Church Growth is Local not Imported

**What We Think We Need
to Get for Church Growth**

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The Programs



A Place



Our Preferences



A Personality



**People
to meet
with**

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Our Impact

We become so busy importing my wants that we forget the mission was to be local

We spend so much time being a great church we miss the great commission which is supposed to be about where I live not where I go to church

When Christ issued his going call the first place, he sent them was home!

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**What God Provided
for Church Growth**

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Instead of a Place He Provided His Presence

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



Acts 2:1-4

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Instead of a Personality He Provided a Person**

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Acts 2:32-33



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Instead of Preferences He Provided Possibilities

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”

Acts 2:17-18



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Instead of Programs He Provided a Plan**

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Acts 2:38-39

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Instead of People to Meet

He Provided People to Reach

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them,

“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those

who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



Acts 2:40-41

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Carpe Diem (Seized the Day)

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.



2 Corinthians 6:1-2

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Therefore, my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Acts 2:26-28



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**Don't settle for
the ordinary,
strive for the
extraordinary**

