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The Seven "Laws" of Real Church Growth

The Law of Development:

Real church growth is about growing people, not managing programs

Programs can be used to aid in development

Development and Programs have similarities

Both Require input

Both have an output

Both take time, energy and resources

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Differences Between Programs and Development

Programs use steps, development has stages

**Programs are a static process;
development must be fluid and adaptable**

**Programs focus on the process,
development focuses on the product**

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Differences Between Programs and Development

Programs are designed for groups, development is for individuals

Programs are driven by activities and events, development by accomplishment

**Programs start with I teach you,
development starts with I learn from you**

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For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. (Colossians 1:9-12)

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Development Starts with Prayer!

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you

Prayer started at hearing because we cannot develop people if we do not listen

Prayer does not stop, as prayer should be wrapped around the development from beginning to end

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They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 1:14

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The Goal of Development

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God never intended his will to be some cosmic jigsaw puzzle

The only way to develop this mindset is the reading and studying of his written word

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“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.”

John 15:26

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And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:27

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As a Growing Developing Body, We are....

Listening to, praying for and with each other

Reading and studying God's word

**What Results Should We See
from Growing Development?**

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Five Results of Growing Development

Live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way

Do you think the way you live your life brings a smile to God's face?

As you read scripture and pray, and God identifies an area not pleasing are you willing to change?

Are you seeking to change?

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Five Results of Growing Development

Bearing fruit in every good work

Is the life you are living bringing others into a relationship with him

True development is not just things being done to and for you, but the ability to do for others what was done for you.

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Five Results of Growing Development

Growing in the knowledge of God

The phrase is not knowledge about God

This is about the relationship growing, knowledge of God

That means you know it and you practice it

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Greatful
Thankful
Blessed

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Let's YAWP!

***It's Time
to Pray!***

