**1 – The Church Grew When… Part 2**
Acts 6:1-7

2 - **Factors Not In Their Favor**

* **Popular opinion:** (Matthew 7:13-14; John 6:66; Luke 23:18)
* **Moral climate***:* (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Romans 1:24-32; Matt. 19:3-9)
* **False religion**: (Judaism, Gnosticism, idolatry)
* **False teaching**: (Acts 15; Galatians 1:6-9)
* **Oppression and persecution**: (Acts 4:17-18; 5:17-18, 5:27-42; 6:12; 7:54-8:4; 12:1-5; 1 Peter 4:12; 1 Thess. 1:6-8)
* Yet **the church continued to grow**! (Acts 11:26; 12:24)

3 - **The Church Grew When…**

* **The gospel, the word of God was preached.**
(Acts 6:7; 12:24; 19:20; 20:32; cf., Romans 1:16; Isaiah 55:11)
	+ **By God’s grace**. (Acts 4:33; 11:23; 13:43; 20:32)
* **Hearts were convicted of sin.** (John 16:8; Acts 2:22-23, 2:36; 3:14-19; 5:29-32; 7:51-53; 8:22-23; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
* **When everyone got involved & worked together**…
(Acts 2:41; 5:14; cf., Acts 7:17; Hebrews 6:14 - Ephesians 4:11-16; Neh. 4:6)
* ***…Everyday*** (Acts 2:41, 46; 5:42; cf., 2 Timothy 2:4)

4 - **The Church Grew When…**

* **Commitment to the “*whole message***”. (Acts 5:20; 20:20, 27; Psalms 119:160)
* **Sin addressed**. (Acts 5, 1 Cor. 5; 6:9-11; Rev. 2 & 3)
* **Hearts were persuaded & committed**. (Acts 2:44-47; Acts 4:19-20; 26:28-29; 2 Timothy 1:12)
* **Saints were edified and strengthened**. (Acts 14:22; 16:5; 20:32)

5 - **The Church Grew When…**

* **Willingness to suffer**. (Revelation 12:11; Acts 4:13; 5:20, 40-42; 8:1-4; Matthew 5:10-12; Rom. 8:18)
* **Sacrifices made**. (Acts 2:45; 4:32-37; 19:18-19)
* **Distractions avoided**. (Acts 6:1-6; Mark 4:19;
Luke 10:40-42; 2 Timothy 2:5)
* **Acted by faith and rendered obedience**.
(Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 8:12; 16:31-34)

6 – **The Church Will Grow Today When…**

* **The gospel, the word of God is preached.**
* **Hearts are convicted of sin.**
* **When everyone is involved… *“everyday…”***
* **Commitment to the “*whole message*”.**
* **Sin is addressed**
* **Hearts are persuaded & committed.**
* **Saints are edified and strengthened.**
* **Willing to suffer.**
* **Sacrifices made.**
* **Distractions avoided.**
* **Act by faith and rendered obedience.**