

Growth - Grow up

Effectual Work

How do we do so, and how do we help others?



1 Peter 2:2-3

²As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may **grow** thereby: ³If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

2 Thes 1:2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith **groweth** exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; ⁴So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

Ephesians 2:18

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. ¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; ²¹In whom all the **building fitly framed together groweth** unto an holy temple in

the Lord: ²²In whom ye also are **builted together** for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

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Ephesians 4:1

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ²With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷But **unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ**. ⁸Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: ¹⁴That we *henceforth* be no more **children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up** into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: ¹⁶From whom the whole body **fitly joined together** and compacted by that which

every joint supplieth, according to the **effectual working** in the measure of **every part, maketh increase of the body** unto the **edifying** of itself in love.

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Compacted - G4822 - sumbibazō - From G4862 and βιβάζω bibazō (to *force*; causatively [by reduplication] of the base of G939); to *drive together*, that is, *unite* (in association or affection), (mentally) to *infer, show, teach*:—compact, assuredly, gather, instruct, knit together, prove.

Every - G3956 – pas - Including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; **all, any, every, the whole**:—all (manner of, means) always (-s), any (one), X daily, + ever, every (one, way), as many as, + no (-thing), X throughly, whatsoever, whole, whosoever.

Supplieth- ies - G2024 - epichorēgia - From G2023; **contribution**:—(supply, or contributes to the whole).

Measure - G3358 – metron -An apparently primary word; a *measure* (“metre”), literally or figuratively; by implication a limited *portion (degree)*:—measure.

Every - G1520 – heis - (Including the neuter [etc.] ἓν hen); a primary numeral; *one*:—a (-n, -ny, certain), + abundantly, man, one (another), only, other, some. See also G1527, G3367, G3391, G3762.

Part - G3313 – meros - From an obsolete but more primary form of μείρομαι meirōmai (to *get as a section or allotment*); a *division or share* (literally or figuratively, in a wide application):—behalf, coast, course, craft, particular (+ -ly), part (+ -ly), piece, portion, respect, side, some sort (-what).

Makes increase - G838 -auxēsis - From G837; *growth*:—increase.

Body - G4983 - sōma -From G4982; the *body* (as a *sound whole*), used in a very wide application, literally or figuratively:—bodily, body, slave.

Edifying - G3619 - oikodomē -Feminine (abstraction) of a compound of G3624 and the base of G1430; *architecture*, that is, (concretely) a *structure*; figuratively *confirmation*:—building, edify (-ication, -ing).

Love - G26 - agapē - From G25; *love*, that is, *affection or benevolence*; specifically (plural) a *love feast*:—(feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Effectual Working - G1753 – G1753 - energeia - From G1756; *efficiency* (“energy”):—operation, **strong, (effectual) working**.

Effectual - Websters Dictionary – effective at producing the desired result or effect; Efficient; the power to cause or produce results, being operative; accomplishing a result.

Effectual Working –

2 Cor 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; ⁴Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. ⁵For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. ⁶And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is **effectual** in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation.

Philemon 5:6 That the communication of thy faith may become **effectual** by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. ⁷For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The **effectual** fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ¹⁷Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

G1754 - energeō - from G1756; to *be active, efficient*:—do, (be) effectual (fervent), be mighty in, shew forth self, work (effectually in).

Ephesians 3:1 - For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, ²If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: ³How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) ⁵Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; ⁶That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: ⁷Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the **effectual working of his power**. ⁸Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹And to **make all men see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹According to the eternal purpose

which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: ¹²In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. ¹³Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Questions:

1. Are you or we groooooowing?
2. What is the process you are following?
3. Are you building? Building what?
4. Are you edifying? Who or whom?
5. Are you compacted? – United?
6. If on trial for being “United” what would be the evidence?
7. Are you being “effectual” or effective with energy or enthusiasm? What or who do you affect?
8. Is the group you are united with, effectual?
9. What is the “affect of you being united and effective?
10. Is “every part” united? Is the union using every part or just doing it all yourself?
11. Do you feel alone in your work, in your ministry?
12. Was that God’s eternal purpose that you should work alone? Or is it working united?
13. Do you not see results or an increase? Maybe you are only using two hands.
14. Where is the “edifying in Love” when it is all about you.