

We are an Apostolic Household.

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Live a cheerful life, without complaining or division among yourselves.

- **Philippians 2:14 (TPT)**

Do everything without grumbling or arguing.

- **Philippians 2:14 (NIV)**

20 Now I'm afraid that when I come to you I may find you different than I desire you to be, and you may find me different than you would like me to be. I don't want to find you in disunity, with jealousy and angry outbursts, with selfish ambition, slander, gossip, arrogance, and turmoil.

- 2 Corinthians 12:20

**Growth increases our
leadership.**

2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, **choose seven men from among you** who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

- **Acts 6:2-4**

Growth upgrades our unity.

5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

- Acts 6:5-6

**Our response to growth
increases our effectiveness to
the call.**

7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

- **Acts 6:7**

**Growth gives us the opportunity
to step into the new space that
has been created for us.**

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

- Matthew 9:35-38