

HINDRANCES TO CHURCH GROWTH-Part II

Text: Hosea 4:6

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- “My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.”
- II Timothy 2:15
- Today, our discussion will focus on how church growth is impeded.

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- *Church growth is impeded through a failure to.....*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

- **Matt. 22:23-33; I Peter 3:13-16a; John 5:39; Col. 1:3-10**
 - They had grown in faith.
 - They had grown in love for the saints.
 - They had grown in hope.

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- How had this growth occurred:
 - They had heard the word of truth, the gospel.
 - They had learned this from Epaphras, a faithful minister.
- Increased faith, deeper love, and steadfast hope are developed through constant interaction with God's word.

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RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD OF TRUTH

- II Tim. 2:15

- This applies to both message and methods.

- Do we understand the difference between doctrine and tradition?

- How does this apply to our methods?

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UNDERSTAND AND EMPHASIZE GOD'S GRACE

- Romans 3:21-26
- Colossians 1:11-14; 20-23
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Paul ends every epistle with a statement concerning grace.