



# Attitudes that Enable the Church to Grow

The following information first appeared in a 1986 publication of the Orthodox Church in America titled "Church Growth and Evangelization - the Basis and the Basics"

Attitudes That Enable the Church to Grow	Attitudes that Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church growth involves spiritual as well as numerical growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is not concerned with how many members the Church has. All He cares about is quality.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Orthodox Christianity is the faith for all mankind."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Orthodoxy is just for our people, not for everyone."</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "As a steward I must wisely manage the gifts God has given me and use them for building up of the church."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Stewardship is just another gimmick to get more money out of the parishioners."</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I am called to work with Christ in reaching others."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "God does not need me to make the Church grow."</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I want my parish to serve as the means by which others are brought to Christ and His Church."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "My parish exists to serve the needs of 'our people' and to preserve our heritage and culture."</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I must share God's love with others by sharing my faith with them."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Religion is a private matter which I never discuss because I might offend someone else."</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's life and experience.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelization is a non-Orthodox concept</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am committed to Christ and His Church because I am convinced that he is truly the God and Savior of all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Sure I'm committed to the Church. After all I pay dues!"</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The church is an organism made up of those who base their lives on Christ."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The Church is an organization made up of voting members"</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I must help to make the Church more visible and invite others to services and activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "If outsiders are interested in the Orthodox Church they will take the initiative to find one.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church growth begins with me</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church growth is not my concern</li> </ul>