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“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.” John F. Kennedy, 1961

To many people have the wrong attitude towards this country and their place in it.

They constantly ask – “What can this country do for me?”

Instead they should ask – “What can I do for this country?”

Have you been asking the wrong question?

“As goes the preacher, so goes the church.”

To many people have the wrong attitude towards the church and their place in it.

They ask the question –

“What can the church do for me?”

Instead they should ask –

“What can I do for the church? How can I help?”

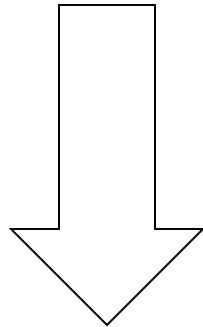
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Ephesians 4 : 15 – 16

What did Paul say?

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When...Each part does its share



Growth Happens

Edification of itself in love

Hebrews 10 : 24 – 25

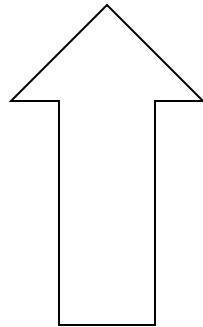
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In order for...Growth to happen

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What else did Paul say?

“...may grow up in all things into Him...”

‘auxano’ - to grow (“wax”), that is, enlarge (literally or figuratively, actively or passively); to grow, increase of inward Christian growth

We all need to go through “growing pains”

Hebrews 12 : 11 – 12

“...chastening...painful...it yields...righteousness...”

‘paideia’ - tutorage, that is, education or training; whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, especially by correcting mistakes and curbing passions, instruction which aims at increasing virtue

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Hebrews 5 : 12 – 14

“...you ought to be teachers...”

‘opheilo opheileo’ - figuratively to be under obligation (ought, must, should); morally to fail in duty

Are you complacent in your actions? We need to mature!

Luke 8 : 12 – 15

John 15 : 2, 5 – 6

We need to bring about mature fruit.
Otherwise we are cut off.

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I Corinthians 12 : 12 – 20

We are one body, but many members.

God has put you in the body where He pleases.

Ask yourself, “Where can I help out?”

Men – what would you like to do?

How can you serve this congregation?

Teach, Lead Singing or Prayers, Wait on the Lord’s Table,
Give the Announcements, Give an invitation, Preach

Women – what would you like to do?

It’s not – “What can the church do for me?”

It’s – “What can I do for the church? How can I serve?”