

God's Manual For Growth

Acts 12:24

Keys To Growth

- ***Following the example of Jesus.***

- A disciple is a follower of the Lord. (Jn. 13:12-15; I Pet. 2:21;
- Jesus proclamation of the gospel. (Matt. 4:23; 9:35-36; 10:24-25; Lk. 19:10)
- Early Christians were committed to spreading the gospel. (Acts 4:29-31; 5:41-42; 8:4)
- Do we have that same focus today?
 - Adorning the gospel with godly lives...(Titus 2:10; Acts 11:24)
 - Seeking to reach those who are lost...(Prov. 11:30)
 - Praying for boldness and opportunities...(Col. 4:2-4)
 - Recognizing who we are and what we are to be about...

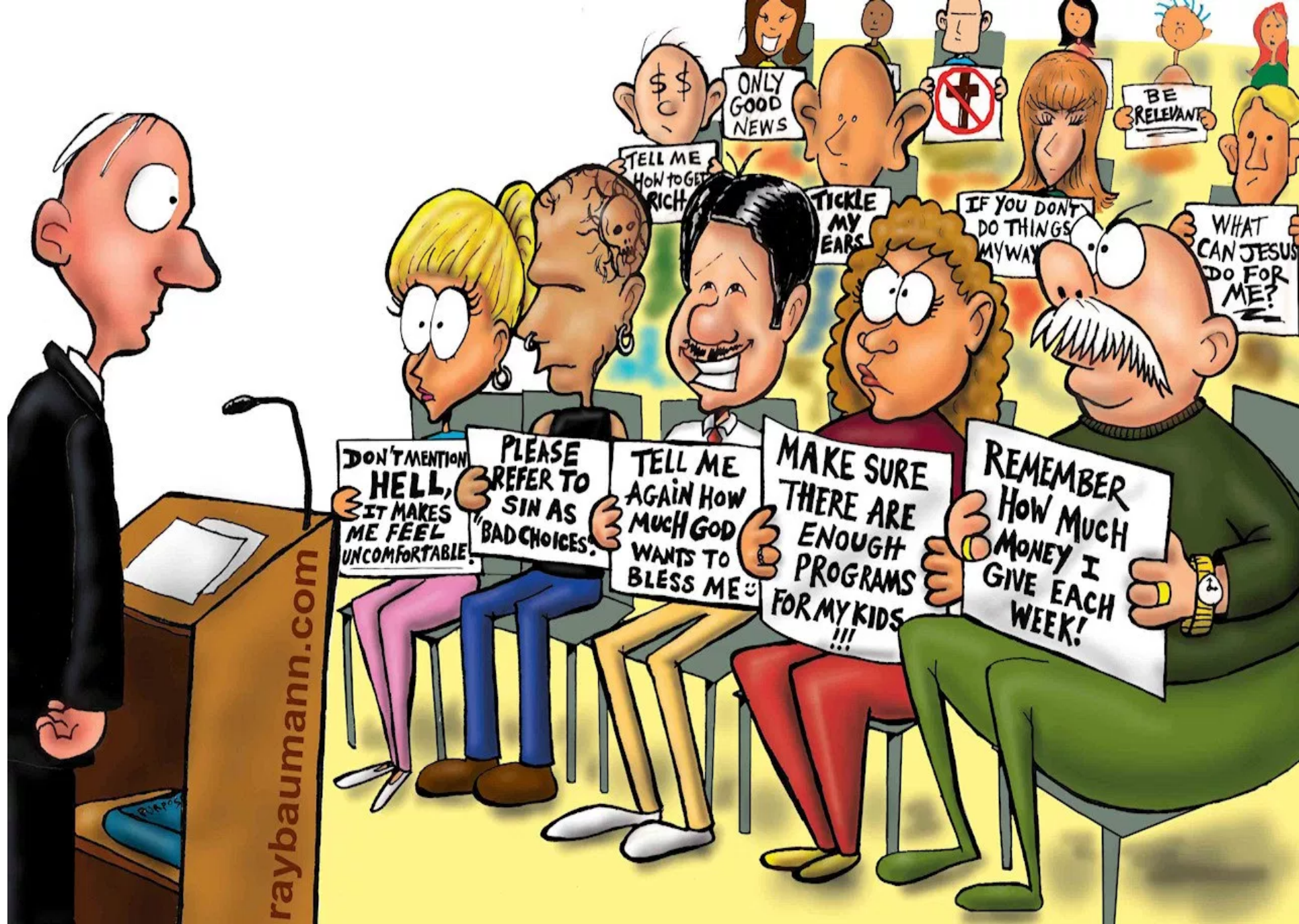
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- ***Seeking The Lost Without Respect of Persons.***

- Recognizing that each person...
 - Created in God's image. (Gen. 1:26-28)
 - Descended from one man. (Acts 17:26)
 - Has common enemy and common problem. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
 - Same plan of redemption for all. (Jude 3; Mk. 16:15; Acts 15:11)
 - Facing the same judgment. (Jn. 12:48; II Cor. 5:10)
- God is no respecter of persons. (Rom. 2:11; Acts 10:34-35)
- The example of Jesus in John 3 and 4.
- The early church. Acts 8, 9, 10.

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- ***Trusting in the power of the gospel.***
 - The message that must be taught. (Mk. 16:15)
 - God's means of producing faith. (Rom. 10:17)
 - Faith must be in God's power, not the wisdom of men. (I Cor. 2:1-5)
 - The message is not only one of love, but one that is confrontational. (Acts 2:36; 7:51-53; 17:23; 24:24-25)
 - The message does not change to draw the crowds or please the lost.
 - II Tim. 4:1-4
 - Gal. 1:6-9



Acts 20:26-27

- 26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.
- 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.