

JESUS' COMMAND

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

THE RESULT

*Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. **Acts 2:41 (NLT)***

*...the number of believers now totaled about 5,000 men, not counting women and children. **Acts 4:4 (NLT)***

*Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord... **Acts 5:14 (NLT)***

*The believers rapidly multiplied... **Acts 6:1 (NLT)***

*The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too. **Acts 6:7 (NLT)***

*The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger ...it also grew in numbers. **Acts 9:31 (NLT)***

*Meanwhile, the word of God continued to spread, and there were many new believers. **Acts 12:24 (NLT)***

*So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day. **Acts 16:5 (NLT)***

*Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. **Colossians 4:2-6 (NLT)***

THREE WAYS I'M GOING TO HELP MY CHURCH GROW

1. I'M GOING TO _____ DILIGENTLY

*Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. **Colossians 4:2 (NLT)***

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **Philippians 4:6 (NIV)***

*Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. **Colossians 4:3-4 (NLT)***

Prayer challenge

What am I _____ for?

Who am I _____ for?

What do I _____?

2. I'M GOING TO _____ WISELY

*Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. **Colossians 4:5 (NLT)***

*He who wins souls is wise. **Proverbs 11:30 (NKJV)***

*Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever. **Daniel 12:3 (NLT)***

3. I'M GOING TO _____ GRACIOUSLY

*Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. **Colossians 4:6 (NLT)***

*The tongue has the power of life and death... **Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)***

*Gossip is so tasty - how we love to swallow it! **Proverbs 18:8 (GNT)***