

How Do We
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Maintain,
And
Increase
A Church?

1 Cor. 3:5-7

How Do We *START*
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The Gospel is planted.

- Mat. 13:3-8, 19-23.
- Rom. 10:11-17.
- 1 Cor. 2:2.



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How Do We *MAINTAIN*
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Christians get watered.

- Acts 20:17-20, 26-27.
- 2 Tim. 4:1-5.
- Eph. 1:15-16.
- Eph. 4:11-16.



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How Do We *MAINTAIN*
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Three-fold Focus:

- Knowledgeable, committed leaders.
- Complete preaching and teaching.
- Fully knowledgeable and committed members serving.



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How Do We *INCREASE*
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We don't; God does.

- Don't focus on the empty pews; focus on the filled pews.
- When the filled pews are doing what they ought, God will take care of the empty pews.



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Acts 20:40-47

- Gospel planted, souls saved, church born (40-41).
- Church watered, equipped with truth, submerged in ministering (42-46).
- Lord added saved souls (47).