

Bible Study
I WILL - Lesson 8
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GROWING TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

Romans 15: 1-6

One of the things that can make a ministry ineffective is immature Christians. Too many people gather each week to be served but few gather to serve. Ministry is serving others. Not only do we need Bible Study to grow in ministry and prayer to grow spiritually but our involvement in ministry is part of our spiritual development. Working together in ministry helps us to mature as Christians. We can minister to people in the church and around the church.

Our fellowship becomes important as we serve in ministry. We should help each other heal, inspire one another with hope and help our neighbors to achieve. Refusing to work in ministry can lead to a place of isolation where one feels like they don't belong in the church. To overcome the feeling of aloneness and a desire to abandon ministry we must choose to get involved in the life of the church. God has designed us as a community to build up one another.

Our text suggests three things that will help us to grow together in ministry.

- I. Our Pleasure in Ministry
 - A. We should please God not ourselves.
 - B. We should please God's people.
- II. Our Patience in ministry
 - A. Patience is a learning process.
 - B. Patience requires love.
- III. Our Passion for Ministry
 - A. Ministry has a purpose.
 - B. Ministry should be persistent.