



# GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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## **Title:** Uprightness in the Church

*“And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. <sup>20</sup> For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. <sup>21</sup> So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.” (Acts 4:18-21)*

*“Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. <sup>4</sup> Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. <sup>5</sup> Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.” (Daniel 6:3-5)*

*“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” (1 Corinthians 15:34)*

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)*

*“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; <sup>12</sup> Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.” (1 Peter 2:11-12)*

## INTRODUCTION

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## 1. Uprightness in Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_

(Acts 2:41, Acts 4:4, Acts 3:1-10)

**Quote:** “All success is of God, but our response to that success is not always of God.”

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### A. Success Should Lead to the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Glory

(Acts 3:11-13, Acts 4:9-10)

### B. Success Should Lead to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel

(Acts 3:19, Acts 4:11-12, 2 Corinthians 4:5)

**Quote:** “Success in ministry should not elevate the church. Success should elevate Christ.”

## 2. Uprightness in Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_

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### A. A \_\_\_\_\_ Attack

(Acts 4:1-7, John 15:18-19, 1 Timothy 3:12)

**Quote:** “God’s work, done God’s way, using God’s Word, will bring Satan’s wrath.”

### B. A \_\_\_\_\_ Association

(Acts 4:13)

### C. A \_\_\_\_\_ Aim

(Acts 4:18-20, Acts 4:29, Acts 5:27-29)

## 3. Uprightness in Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_

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### A. A Gracious \_\_\_\_\_

(Acts 4:32-35, James 1:17, John 3:27, Acts 20:35)

### B. A Grievous \_\_\_\_\_

(Acts 5:1-4, Deuteronomy 32:4, Ephesians 4:25)

### C. A Grave \_\_\_\_\_

(Acts 5:5-11, Galatians 6:7, Acts 5:14, Colossians 2:15)

**Quote:** “We may excuse our sin, but we must remember that it is our sin that exempts us from God’s power and blessing!”

**Quote:** “When we deal uprightly with sin, the blessing of God returns.”

## CONCLUSION

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