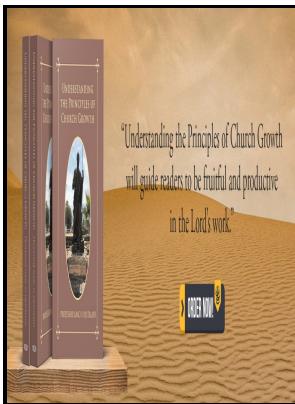


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We need to have faith that God is bigger than what we can think or imagine. The part I would tend to disagree with it the idea of a sword in one hand and a Bible in the other and calling it evangelism.

Understanding church growth : McGavran, Donald A. (Donald Anderson), 1897

Anyone serious about evangelistic strategy should become familiar with the concepts McGavran introduced or illuminated. Well-intentioned missionaries plot and plan to make sure they know who they are and where they are.

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Other features of this edition include an additional chapter on divine healing and an expanded, updated, and annotated reading list. I chose to have this book in my Kindle because it is one of my reference books for more than thirty years. The secondary thesis is that this can be accomplished only by understanding the receiver of the Christian message as well as the message itself.

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For this reason, any attempt to integrate different ethnicities or classes into the same church should be avoided because it will hamper church growth. Peter Wagner, retains the book's original aim and essence while modernizing the language and streamlining the flow of ideas, reducing the book's bulk by 35 percent.

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Though the debate continues, McGavran argued that stagnant church growth across the world can be attributed to a lack of focus on church planting. Missionaries and sending churches would do well to skip this book and spend their time studying more helpful resources.

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But there is so much to learn--and do. It may be said that this is just the way the gospel spread, but one has to wonder if the gospel really was spread or just got diluted by bringing in all of the paganism from false religions and calling them Christian. As we read in the above Bible passages we quickly discover that the first step of church growth is ... GOD! And nowhere in the New Testament is numerical growth elevated over faithfulness—nor is numerical growth promised because of faithfulness.

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Although the book includes biblical and theological research and reflection, case studies from contemporary missions on many continents, and illustrations from little-known periods of older church history, much is presented with the passion of a good sermon or courtroom argument.

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