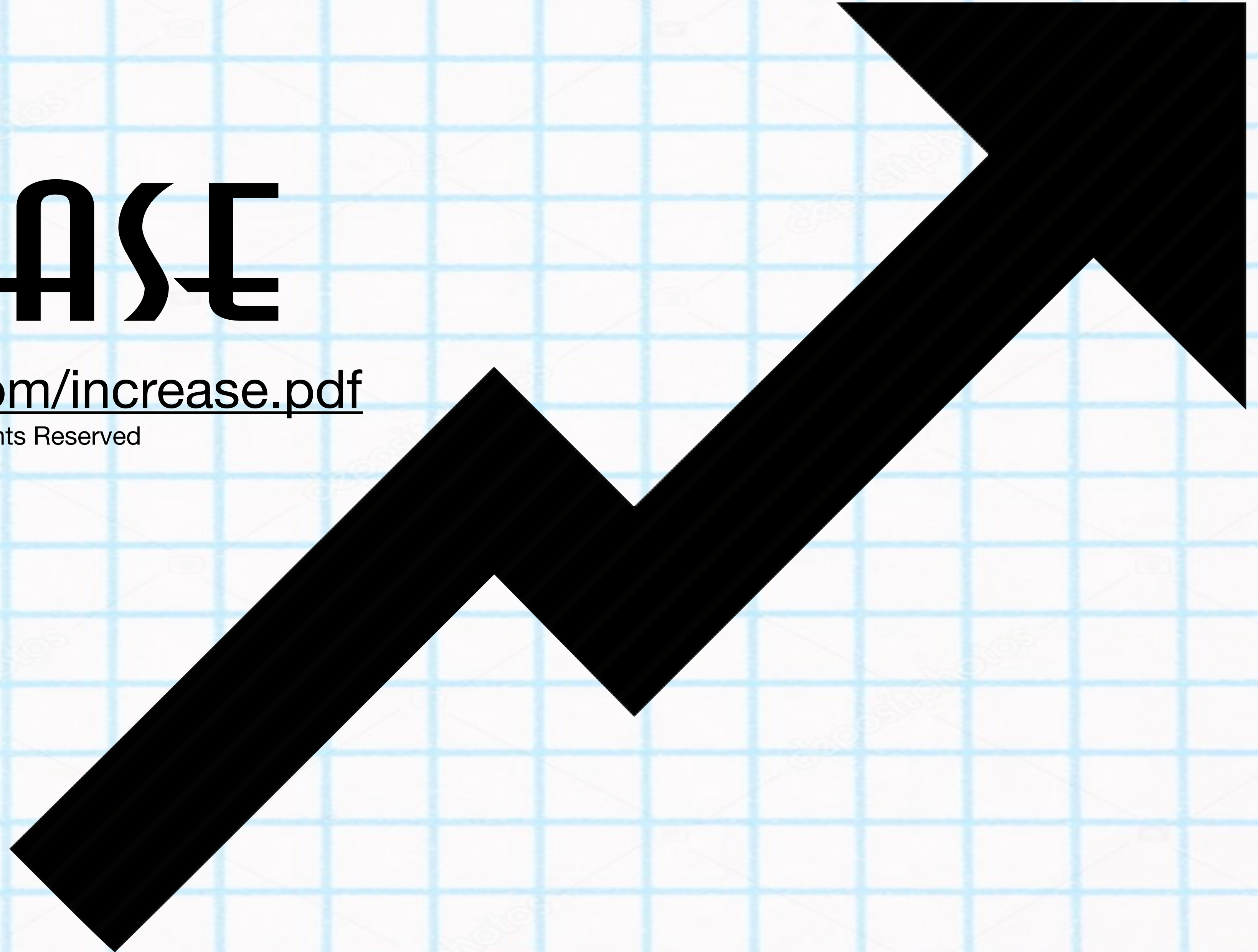


INCREASE

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**John 15:12 This is my commandment,
That ye love one another, as I have loved
you.**

We must increase our love for one another. As the fellowship grows, our love and tolerance for others should increase as well. Though we do not tolerate sin or sinful behaviors, we must tolerate and embrace our personal differences and identities. The larger a church grows, the more differences will manifest.

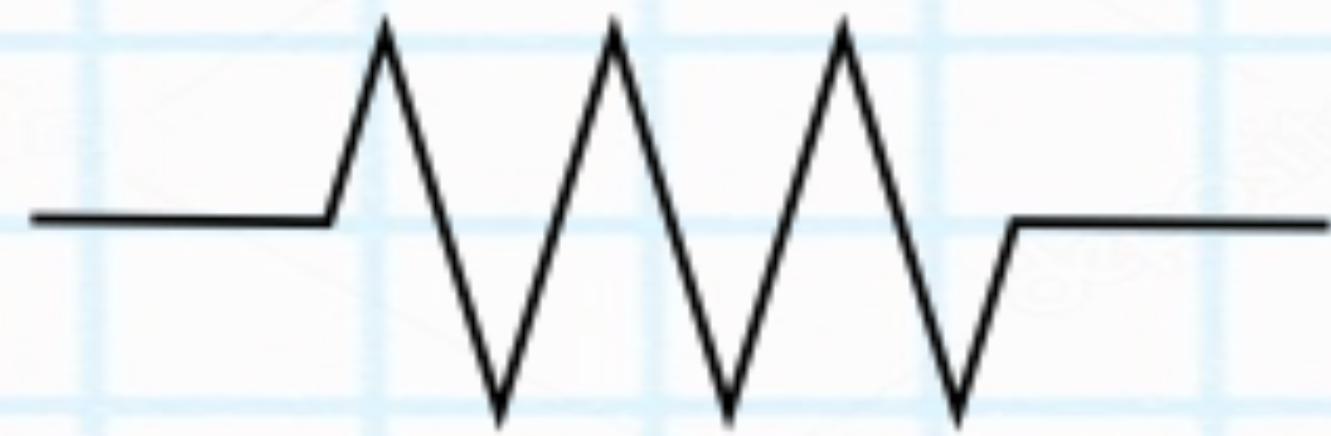
Hab. 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

We must increase our faith. The larger we grow, the more faith we must have that God is still in control of everything. Our faith keeps us believing that His hand is on our fellowship and He will continue to lead us no matter what size we become. God is in control, by faith.



F A I T H

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



RESIST ; PERSIST



We must increase our resistance. The larger the church, the larger the devil's assignment! We must not allow petty things to distract us and take us out. The enemy is walking about seeking the weakest link to snatch away from the fellowship, as well as others. You always know when a person is getting ready to be used by the enemy because they will start sowing discord and variance to attach others to themselves before they leave. Spiritual fortitude is essential to withstand the enemy, as the church increases in size.

MATURITY



Eph. 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

We must increase our maturity level. As a church grows, the management of it may lose touch with the individual things that it once could manage. We must be able to make it without personal contact from the pastor and leadership. The messages are clear and accessible for us all to glean direction from. Personal problems may never get a meeting with the pastor because of the church size and demand. But if we increase our maturity level, we will be able to function by paying attention to what is be preached and praying for God to address our concerns in the messages provided.

Heb. 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

We must increase our discernment. When a fellowship grows, it not only grows for its betterment, but it can also be a good place for evil motives to hide. The more people you have, the more problems that can hide within. We must pray for discernment when making friends and embracing people in the ministry. Everyone is not on God's assignment and they can gravely affect your family and future just by being contrary to the leadership. If you are always the victim of someone downing the ministry to you, then you are probably guilty of it yourself. Be vigilant, so you do not bring judgment upon yourself and your family.





Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

We must increase our giving. The more space we acquire, the greater the expenses. The more you give, the more you will receive. Do not think that prosperity requires less of you. Give as God purposes you to give, no matter how good things may look.

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

We must increase our support. When the doors of the church are open, you should be here. The more time we spend together, the more we know each other and can be knowledgeable when we pray for one another. We need your support for the events and special programs that we offer at ABC. It's for you! Try your best to be here and support the ministry with your presence, when you are able.



Prov. 22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.



We must increase our loyalty. Believing God for a good fellowship to attend starts with being a good member. When we complain about the things we do not like about the fellowship, we are being a part of the problem. Our concerns should be taken to the Lord in prayer or we should leave the fellowship. When we stay at a place where we are discontent or unhappy, then we bring reproach upon ourselves for causing discord and variance. Our children will also develop a disrespectful disposition for the ministry, if they hear their parents' grievances and negative opinions. When they come of age, they will rebel because of the rebellion that was exhibited through their parents. If you are going to be here, then BE HERE!

Jesus said:
GO and SINO more
John 8:11
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Rom. 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

We must increase God's righteousness in our lives. We must turn away from all sin and live the best way possible with God's help. We must actively apply the Word of God that is being taught and allow it to rebuke, reprove, and purge us. As the end approaches, we will be tried even more concerning our faith and beliefs. Sin in our lives will bring doubt and discouragement. But, when we forsake sin and live righteously, our faith and belief grows stronger. Live for God and give no place the devil.

All of the things that should increase will do so, when we decrease. The greater our submission to God, His authority, and His Word, the more we will increase in love, faith, resistance, maturity, discernment, giving, loyalty, and righteousness. When we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, we give Him an opportunity to make us better. Then, we can increase in all the ways required to be a good member and true adamant believer!

1Th. 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

1Th. 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.