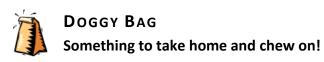


Have you ever felt lost in the problems change can cause?

	Four D	Dangers of Rapid Church Gro	wth:	
	 Uncertaint 	y of		
	• Fuzzy			
		toward		
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What was the problem?				
•	needs			Acts 6:1 (NIV)
In those days when	the number of disciple.	s was increasing, <u>the Hellenis</u>	stic Jews among them c	omplained against the
Hebraic Jews becau	se <u>their widows were b</u>	<u>peing overlooked</u> in the daily	distribution of food.	
•	priorities			Acts 6:2 (NIV)
		gether and said, " <u>It would no</u>	ot be right for us to neg	lect the ministry of the
word of God in orde	er to wait on tables"			
What was the solution?				
•				Acts 6:3-4 (NIV)
		n from amonq you who are I and will give our attention to	• •	•
What was the outcome?	•			
• The	grew	•		Acts 6:5-7 (NIV)
⁵ This proposal plea	sed the whole group.	They chose Stephen, a man j	full of faith and of the	Holy Spirit; also Philip,
		Nicolas from Antioch, a conv		
	·	hands on them. ⁷ <u>So the wor</u>		<u>number of disciples in</u>
<u>Jerusulem mereused</u>	<u>rrapialy,</u> and <u>a large m</u>	umber of priests became obe	<u> alent to the juith</u> .	
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	THERE IS	IN YOUR	·•	

1. By	problems as	•	John 16:33 (NIV)
"I have told y	ou these things, so that in m	ne you may have peace. <u>In th</u> i	<u>is world you will have trouble. But take heart! I</u>
<u>have overcom</u>	<u>ne</u> the world."		
2. By	to	well.	James 1:19b, 22, 27 (NIV)
and so deceiv	e yourselves. <u>Do what it sa</u> y	<u>vs</u> ²⁷ Religion that God our	me angry ²² <u>Do not merely listen to the word,</u> Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to om being polluted by the world.
3. By		_ into your	Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV)
⁵ Trust in the	LORD with all your heart, ar	nd do not lean on your own t	understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge
him, and he w	vill make straight your paths	5.	
	DRAWING NEAR TO	GOD <i>IS</i> THE POTENTIAL	IN YOUR PROBLEM.
ANSWER KEY:			
Four dangers:			
• Uncertain Pl	<u>JRPOSE</u>	• PROFESSION	<u>NALISM</u>
• Fuzzy PRIOR	<u>ITIES</u>	 Loss of <u>SIGN</u> 	<u>IIFICANCE</u>
The problem:			
• <u>UNFULFILLE</u>	<u>D</u> needs	• <u>CONFLICTIN</u>	I <u>G</u> priorities
The solution: SHA	RING RESPONSIBILITY	The outcome: CH	IURCH grew STRONGER
There is POTENTI	AL in your PROBLEM.		
How to see poten	itial:		
1. ACCEPTING	problems as INEVITABLE	2. LEARNING to LISTEN	3. INVITING JESUS into your PROBLEM



1.	Do you see problems as a challenge Christ has already overcome , or do you often feel depressed or overcome by them? Has the way you've viewed problems changed as you've drawn closer to Jesus? How so?
2.	How can we encourage one another to persevere when we encounter the problems that change can introduce to ou lives?
3.	Have you really considered your priorities? What would it look like to rearrange them appropriately? What forms of accountability can you adopt to prevent compromising what is most important?
4.	Can you share a story of how God has used a problem in your life or the life of someone close to you to draw you nearer to Jesus?
5.	What are some techniques that have worked for you in seeking to become a better listener?
6.	Have you ever resisted bringing God or other people into your problems? Why do you think that is? What might help you to overcome this tendency towards self-reliance?