

Acts 6

TW – Continue Book of the Acts – Stephen Man/Ministry/Message

V1 - Disciples were Multiplying – V1, 2 & 7

* Disciple – Disciplined, Devoted, Dedicated follower vs, Un...

* Jesus Preached to the Multitude – He Made Disciples

* Jesus said – Preach the Gospel – Make Disciples

Luke 14:25-33 – Defined Disciple

A – Which are you? In the multitude? Disciple?

A - Church more worried/making Multitude rather than Disciples

V2

1. There Arose Complaint

* Hellenist – (Grecians - KJV) Greek speaking/cultured Jews

* Christian Charity/Church Included Ministering to Widows

A – We have Same – SSLF – Barbara Kerr/Graveside Service

* So far Enemy come from outside – 1st time/inside – Imperfection!!!

A – Sometimes church's destroyed/maimed from within

* Appears that it was a viable complaint – Handled Correctly

2. Not Desirable Leave Word & “Serve Tables”

* Both Needed to get done – But if we Word, Won't have a Reason

* Need to find additional Servants

D L Moody... **"There are many of us that are willing to do great things for the Lord; but few of us are willing to do little things"**

V3

* Seek out 7 Men – Good Reputation, Full/Holy Spirit/Wisdom

Exodus 31:1-3 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

* Chose 7 Men - All with Greek Names

* Appoint over this Business – A lot of Business = Necessity

A – Thank Lord for Godly Men/Women called Lead Ministries!

A – We have many needs to lead many things, Bldg M/R, Fellowship

V4 – We will give ourselves to Prayer & to Ministry of the Word

* Without these we cease to exist! **Romans 1:16!!!**

1. We must Pray – Wisdom/Will/Direction/Empowering/Intercession

2. We must Pray/Preach/Teach!

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom

Acts 15:35 Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord

Colossians 1:28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3. We must Pray/Study!

* Adam Clarke – “a minister who does not pray much, studies in vain”

1 Tim 4:13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

V5 – Full of Faith & Holy Spirit

V6 – Prayed & Then Laid Hands - **1 Timothy 5:22** Do not lay hands on anyone hastily,(nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure)

V7 – Fruit Balanced Ministry – Number Disciples Multiplied

* Great many priests were obedient to the faith – Got Saved!

V8 – Full of Faith & Power (V5 – Full of Faith & Holy Spirit)

* Did great wonders and signs – 2:43, 5:12

V9 - Synagogue/Freedmen – “Liberitnes”KJV– Liberated from slavery

V10 – Thank God for the Power/Wisdom of Holy Spirit!

V11-14 - **John 15:20** Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

V15 – **I Peter 3:13-16** – Don't be afraid of threats, give a defense...

Conclusion – Gospel Must Be Preached/Must have Servants/Growth!