

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 6:1-7 - Godly Leadership in The Church - 11.10.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever had a conflict with somebody else who is in the Church (or sought to resolve a conflict between other Christians)?
What led to this particular conflict and was the conflict resolved or was resolution never reached?
If you were able to work through the conflict & be relationally reconciled, what did that process look like?
Did you involve others to come in and mediate or help bring about resolution?
If you were unable to work through the conflict & be relationally reconciled, how did the situation get to that point?
Was there anything that you personally could have done differently to pursue reconciliation?
Did you try seeking godly counsel and bringing in somebody else to help mediate this conflict?
3. How does the conflict described in Acts 6:1 present a problem that could have led to disunity in the Church?
How does this problem actually provide an opportunity for the Lord to call up new leaders in the Church to serve faithfully?
How does Acts 6:2-6 reveal the apostles' prioritization of their calling & that they sought others for other service in the Church?
How do the apostles go about this, and what role does the congregation in Jerusalem play in this matter?
How do these verses reveal the high value (and necessity) on godly character for those who will lead in the Church?
4. There's a huge emphasis throughout this passage on the importance of the apostles devoting themselves to two specific items:
What are these two items that they are to devote themselves to and how do those two items relate to one another?
What is the effect of neglecting prayer or God's Word, particularly when the leaders in the Church neglect either of these?
Have you seen this happen, where either of these are abandoned in a local church, and if so, what has been the result?
On the flip side, as we see that rightly prioritized here in Acts 6, what is the outcome we see recorded by Luke in verse 7?
Are there specific ways that the Lord is calling you to be more fervent in prayer or to align yourself with His Word?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
The Church is not immune to conflict in this life!
As conflict arises, seek & apply biblical wisdom!
Godly character in leaders is of great importance!
Don't compromise here even in desperate times!
Prayer & God's Word must never be neglected!
Church leaders must prioritize prayer & the Word!
As the Church stands on God's Word, fruit comes!
Faithfulness to God's Word results in eternal fruit!