

THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Acts 6:1-7

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What two distinct groups make up the body of believers in Jerusalem (v. 1)? What is distinctive about each group? Do such differences pose problems for churches today? How do we deal with them?
2. Who raises a complaint and why (v. 1)? Based on the foregoing, what may be behind this slight (or perceived slight)? Why would widows be in particular need of daily service?
3. What is the apostles' reaction to the complaint (vv. 2-4)? (Do they investigate the validity of the claim? Do they try to determine who is responsible? What seems to be unique in their approach?)
4. In what way would the apostles be neglecting the word of God to deal with this matter (v. 2)? What do they identify as their priorities (v. 4)?
5. Why is prayer such a priority?
 - Hebrews 4:15-16
 - James 4:2
6. Why is the word of God such a priority?
 - Psalm 19:7-11
 - John 6:68
 - Romans 10:17For what do we neglect prayer and the word of God?

7. What do the apostles propose as a solution (v. 3)? What, exactly, is the task? What might be suggested by the intention to put these men *in charge* of the task? (Are seven men sufficient to thoroughly do the job?)

8. What are the three qualifications for these men (v. 3)? Define what each qualification entails.

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What might be suggested in that a ministry devoted to serving tables would require qualifications revolving around reputation, sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and wisdom?

9. How is the proposal accepted (v. 5)? How accepts the proposal? What is the response of the apostles (v. 6)? What is the significance of the apostles' response? (What does it convey?)

10. What two things are significant about the continuing growth of the church (v. 7)?

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What are the ramifications of the priests coming to the faith? Reflect on the phrase, "becoming obedient to the faith." (How does it strike you? What comes to mind?) What does that look like in your life?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will stand solidly on prayer this week by . . .

2. I will stand solidly on the word of God this week by . . .