

Ministry



- Leadership in the church is about servant hood – ministers not leaders

Acts 6:1-2



¹In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.

Acts 6:3-4



³Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

Acts 6:5-6



⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Acts 6:7



⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

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Acts 6:2-4



²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the **ministry** of the word of God in order **to wait** on tables. ³Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the **ministry** of the word."

Romans 12:4-6a



⁴Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

Romans 12:6b-8



If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

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Acts 6:3a,64



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Anointed by men:

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Guarding their ministry:

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- What is our ministry? Are we seeking it out?
- Are we clearly supporting, anointing and confirming those in ministry in the church?
- Are we ministering as sacrificial servants of the church?

Judges 5:2



² "When the princes in Israel take the lead,
when the people willingly offer themselves—
praise the LORD!