

The Need For Servants

Acts 6:1-7

1. Proportion Servants According To Need (1)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

2. Partition Servants According To Gifts And Skills (2,4)

² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ... ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

3. Pick Servants With Spiritual And Reputable Character (3)

³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty... ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

4. Pray For Servants To Be Impactful In Ministry (6-7)

⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Disciples	The Twelve	The Seven
The Congregation	The Apostles	The Assistants
Later called the Church	Later called Elders/Pastors	Later called Deacons
Laid Hands On The Seven	Preached And Led Prayer	Administrated The Needs

Conclusion:

- Biblical leadership is for the purpose of serving others.
- There are plenty of needs. We need more servants.
- Pray for your servant leaders.

Discussion:

- What is servant leadership? How is servant leadership a reflection of Jesus?
- What are the current needs in the church and community we can help meet?
- How would you like to serve?