

“Growing Pains”

Unhindered; The Birth of the Church - Part 12

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Acts 6:1-7

1. Areas of responsibility for Christian Elders

A. _____

Acts 6:4 - “We will give our attention to prayer...”

B. _____ .

Acts 6:4 - “. . . Ministry of the Word.”

I Timothy 5:17 (Emphasis added) – “The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is PREACHING AND TEACHING.”

C. _____ .

Acts 15:19 – “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.”

D. _____ .

Acts 20:28-29 (Emphasis added) – “KEEP WATCH over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.”

2. Christian Deacons

Acts 6:3 - "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."

A. Specific ministry needs give rise to specific ministry _____.

B. Spiritual ministries require _____ servant leaders.

1. Servant leaders must be of _____ .

2. Servant leaders must be _____ .

Galatians 5:22-23 - "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control."

3. Servant leaders must be _____ .

C. With delegated responsibility come delegated _____ .

Acts 6:3b & 6 "...We will turn this responsibility over to them. . . They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and LAID THEIR HANDS ON THEM."

D. When the church is structured properly, _____ increases.

Acts 6:7 - "So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith."