

Acts  
Delegation  
6:1-7

*“Choose good men to delegate this to”*  
Acts 6:3

- 6:1  
increasing in number  
vs 1 increasing in number  
vs 1 *“overlooked”* = communal living was proving cumbersome
- vs 1  
developing understanding of gospel  
vs 1 issue was subtle preference for native Jews
- vss 2-4  
avoiding distraction  
vss 2, 4 apostles rightly chose to prioritize spiritual side  
prayer  
God’s word  
vs 3 material side delegated to deacons  
distribution of food in the church  
church poverty program for the church  
vs 3 elders state qualifications for deacons  
good reputation  
full of Holy Spirit  
demonstrable wisdom
- vss 5-6  
collaborative process  
vs 5 whole congregation agreed  
ch 5 one of the 7 was a Syrian proselyte  
sensitivity to the Greek-speaking Jews?  
ch 5 *“they (congregation) chose”* Stephen + 6  
(1) congregation chose deacons  
ch 6 *“they brought to the apostles, who laid hands on”*  
(2) elders commissioned deacons
- vs 7  
the church thrived  
word of God spreading  
disciples increased  
many priests believed