

Title: Finding Your Place of Service November 10, 2019

Text: Acts 6:1-7

Walk-in: The church often faces the problem of finding willing workers for ministry. There is a common principle called the Pareto Principle that says that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. It is not unique to the church, but it is too often the picture. Today we encounter a story that addresses that problem and provides a path for us today in enabling people to find their place of service.

First, there arose a P_____ that needed to be addressed. *“In 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.” - Acts 6:1*

- It came as a result of continuing **G**_____.
- It came as a result of practical **S**_____.

Then, there emerged a solution that was P_____.
Acts 6:2-4

△ It was addressed as a **C**_____.

“So the twelve gathered all the disciples together and said...” Acts 6:2

△ It understood issues of **P**_____.
Acts 6:2b-4

- ▶ It avoided the **N**_____ of primary ministry.
“It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God to wait on tables.”

- ▶ It challenged leadership in the important art of **D**_____.
“Brothers, choose seven men from among you...”

- ▶ It kept leadership focused on the **M**_____
T_____.
“...and give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word.”

Finally, there was a resultant I_____ of the plan. *Acts 6:5-7*

- It had congregational **B**_____.
“The proposal pleased the whole group.”
- It had qualified **W**_____. *Acts 6:3,5,6*

Today: **W**_____ and **B**_____.

Then: **S**_____ Filled
W_____
Full of **F**_____.

- It facilitated continued **G**_____. *Acts 6:7*

Word of God **S**_____.

Disciples **I**_____.

Leaders **A**_____.

Wrap-up: The church today needs to take this page out of the playbook for the growth of the early church. It requires people who will focus on not being served, but serving. It calls for people who are intentionally growing in Christ so that their qualifications are evident. Don't let 'Paretto' win. Be part of the solution in a growing church today.