

Growing Pains

Acts: 6:1-7

Acts: The Real Church

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Dealing with growing pains:

1. Churches have **problems** (v.1-2). There is no such thing as trouble-free church ministry.
 - a. **Complaints** rose about food distribution (v.1).
 - b. There were suspicions of Ethnic **favoritism** (v.1).
 - c. There was the danger misplaced **priorities** (v.2).
2. Churches have **solutions** (v.2-4).
 - a. Some tasks Pastors/Teachers simply **must do**. V.2,4
 - b. Many tasks other members are equally, perhaps even **better equipped** to do.
 - c. Church ministry must be **shared**. V.3
3. Churches can be **blessed** by their problems (v.5-7).
 - a. There were (are) **spiritually qualified** people in the church.
 - b. There were (are) **logistically competent** people in the church.
 - c. There was (is) a spiritual and **sensitive** way to handle problems.
 - d. Taking care of the physical and material business of the church is a **spiritual matter**.
 - e. Solving can have glorious **results**:

Take this with you and think on it.

- All church ministry is **spiritual** ministry.
- The spread of the Word of God, the salvation of the lost and the growth of the church depends on a **congregation** of ministers not just a good pulpiteer.
- The **members** are the ministers – Take joy in your privilege to serve.