

ACTS

Disciples Choosing Deacons Acts 6:1-7

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1. The apostles served as the early _____ of the disciples—the church at Jerusalem.

- a. The congregation at Jerusalem was made up of _____ of Jesus Christ.

“Acts uses ‘disciples’ with reference to _____ Christian believers. Disciples are no longer simply those who followed Jesus in the course of His earthly ministry, but those who become ‘obedient to the faith’, signifying obedience to the apostolic pattern of belief and lifestyle.”
- David Peterson

- b. A serious challenge to the unity of the church arose and the apostles realized they needed _____ to properly address the issue.

2. The apostles addressed the issue by explaining the _____ the Lord had given to them and the help they needed to continue to lead the church to honor the Lord.

- a. *“(The apostles) were responsible not only for the teaching and overall pastoral oversight of the congregation, but also for the collection and distribution of the church’s funds for the poor. These responsibilities soon proved to be overwhelming.”*
- Alexander Strauch

- b. The apostle’s instructions to choose seven men to address the needs of the Hellenistic widows, served as a pattern for the office of _____.

3. Lessons to be learned in the choosing of the seven.

- a. The role of the Deacon in the church is be a help to the _____ as they seek to shepherd the congregation.
- b. Those who serve as Deacons are to be men of clear Christian character.
- 1) They must be men of good _____.
- 2) They must be men who are _____ to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) They must be men who have shown _____.
- c. It is the responsibility of the _____ congregation of disciples to choose who the Deacons will be.
- d. When the congregation of disciples functions as the Lord directs, He will bring good _____ in His time.