

The Priority of the Word of God

“we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word”

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Acts 6:1-15

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Theme: The Church must be focused on the Word of God, empowered by the Spirit of God through prayer, but not neglecting the physical needs of its members, in order to meet its objective of making disciples in all nations through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

OUTLINE OF ACTS

The Witness to Jerusalem -	Acts 1:1 - 8:3
The Witness to Judea and Samaria -	Acts 8:4 - 12:24
The Witness to the ends of the earth -	Acts 12:25 - 21:14
From Jerusalem to Rome -	Acts 21:15 - 28:31

A Problem of Division in the church - Acts 6:1

1. The Church was growing _____ and _____
2. The _____-speaking Jews complained against the _____-speaking Jews that their widows were being _____ in the daily serving of food
3. The _____ were the recognized leaders of the church

The Priority of the Word of God in the church - Acts 6:2, 4

1. The apostles understood that the primary task of the church is to _____
2. Paul later wrote that the church of the living God is the _____ - 1 Tim. 3:15
3. The Word of God alone _____
4. The Word of God is _____ from God and does not originate with man - 1 Thessalonians 2:13
5. The twelve apostles were the _____ regarding the Word of God - 2 Tim. 2:2

The Priority of Prayer in the church - Acts 6:4

1. The apostles prayed for _____ - Acts 4:29-30
2. The apostles prayed because they understood _____
3. The apostles prayed because they understood that people are in need of _____

The Priority of Physical needs in the church - Acts 6:3, 5-6

1. We are introduced to _____ (Acts 6-7) and _____ (Acts 8)
2. Church leadership requires _____ and _____
3. Church leadership requires _____
4. Church leadership requires _____
5. Three Views of these men
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

The Priority of Evangelism in the church - Acts 6:7-15

1. The Word of God kept on spreading resulting in many more _____ and a great many of the priests were becoming _____
2. Stephen was a man full of _____ (v. 3, 5, 10), full of _____ (v. 3, 10), full of _____ (v. 3), full of _____ (v. 8) and full of _____ (v. 8) who was a _____ (v. 8) and a _____ (v. 10)
3. Stephen was _____ by members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen who were from North Africa, Asia and Cilicia
4. Those who opposed Stephen _____ the people, elders and scribes; they dragged him away and brought him before the _____.
5. They brought false witnesses who charged Stephen with speaking against _____ and against _____
6. What was Stephen's response? Luke described his _____ appearance that to the Sanhedrin his face appeared like the face of an angel - his oral response is _____

Implications

1. The primacy of _____
2. The primacy of _____
3. The importance of _____
4. The primacy of _____