

ACTS 6

Guided Discovery

WISE SERVICE. FAITHFUL WITNESS.

SCRIPTURE SPOTLIGHT

“we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

— ACTS 6:4

AT A GLANCE

- A fairness problem rises around care for widows.
- The apostles ask the church to choose seven trusted servants.
- Prayer and Bible teaching remain central.
- Stephen serves faithfully and speaks with God-given wisdom.
- Opposition grows, but Stephen remains steady.

CORE TRUTH

God helps His church answer real needs with Spirit-filled wisdom. When believers protect prayer, Bible teaching, humble service, and faithful witness, conflict does not have to stop the mission.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Acts 6, the Hellenists were Greek-speaking Jews connected to the wider Jewish world, while the Hebrews were local Jewish believers. Their widows' care became a serious unity test for the growing Jerusalem church.

QUICK TAKEAWAY

- Notice needs before they grow into division.
- Choose trusted servants, not just willing workers.
- Keep prayer and Bible teaching central.
- Serve quietly so the gospel witness can keep moving.
- Speak truth with wisdom when opposition rises.

1 FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use the Word Bank to complete the statements.

WORD BANK

fairness seven prayer service Stephen leaders

1. The first problem in Acts 6 involved _____ in caring for widows.
2. The apostles asked the church to choose _____ trusted men to help.
3. The apostles protected time for _____ and Bible teaching.
4. One chosen servant named _____ became a bold witness.
5. Stephen's opponents brought him before Jewish _____.
6. Humble _____ helped protect unity in the growing church.

2 MATCH IT

Match each person or group with the best description.

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| 1. Hellenist widows | • A. Chosen to help with practical needs |
| 2. The twelve | • B. Needed fair care in the growing church |
| 3. The seven | • C. Protected prayer and Bible teaching priorities |
| 4. Stephen | • D. Debated Stephen and stirred up accusations |
| 5. Synagogue opponents | • E. Saw Stephen remain calm under pressure |
| 6. Jewish leaders | • F. Served and witnessed with God-given wisdom |

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

1. What problem needed attention at the beginning of Acts 6?

A. Some widows were being overlooked	B. The temple doors were locked
C. The Romans banned all meetings	D. Peter left Jerusalem
2. Why did the apostles ask the church to choose seven men?

A. To avoid caring for people	B. To serve practical needs while prayer and teaching remained central
C. To punish the Hellenists	D. To replace all the apostles
3. What kind of men were to be chosen?

A. Wealthy and powerful men	B. Roman citizens only
C. Trusted, Spirit-led, and wise men	D. Men who had never served before
4. When Stephen's opponents could not overcome his wisdom, what did they do?

A. Asked him to teach them	B. Left him alone
C. Joined the apostles	D. Used accusations and brought him before the leaders

4 PUT IN ORDER

Number the events in the correct order.

- Stephen is seized and taken before the Jewish leaders.
- The apostles ask the church to choose seven trusted servants.
- A complaint rises about overlooked widows.
- The chosen men are presented and prayed over.
- The gospel witness keeps growing in Jerusalem.
- Opponents argue with Stephen but cannot overcome his God-given wisdom.

5 TRUE OR FALSE

Write T for True or F for False.

- 1. The chapter begins with a complaint inside the growing church.
- 2. The apostles decided prayer and God's Word were no longer important.
- 3. The seven were selected to help meet practical needs.
- 4. Stephen was only a quiet helper and never witnessed publicly.
- 5. Stephen's opponents answered him fairly and peacefully.
- 6. The leaders saw that Stephen remained calm under pressure.

6 SHORT ANSWER

Answer in your own words.

1. Why was it wise to address the widows' care problem instead of ignoring it?

2. What do the apostles' priorities teach church leaders and helpers today?

3. How can practical service support the spread of the gospel?

4. What can Stephen's example teach believers facing unfair opposition?

NOTE TAKING

Write observations, questions, or teaching notes from Acts 6.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season, I want to serve with wisdom and faithfulness by...

PRAYER PROMPT

Lord, give me a willing heart to serve real needs with wisdom and love. Help me value prayer, Your Word, unity, and truth. When pressure rises, make me faithful like Stephen and steady in the Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING THOUGHT

Serve wisely, protect unity, and keep pointing people to Jesus.

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