

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

LESSON SIX

Teamwork Makes a Difference

Acts 6:1-7

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Introduction

1. Teamwork Produced a Decisive

A. The reality of the

Numbers 11:1a

And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD:

Philippians 2:14

Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Jude 16a

These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts;

B. The responsibility of the _____

Matthew 5:23–24

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

C. The priority of the _____

1 Timothy 4:13–16

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

D. The practicality of the _____

1 Peter 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

2. Teamwork Produced Divided _____

(Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–6)

A. A _____ work—“of honest report”

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 3:7

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

3 John 12a

Demetrius hath good report of all men,

- B. A _____ walk—“full of the Holy Ghost”**

Galatians 5:22–25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- C. A _____ wisdom—“and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business”**

Proverbs 4:5–7

Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Exodus 28:3

And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office.

Deuteronomy 34:9a

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom;

3. Teamwork Produced Divine _____

- A. Their _____ was met.**

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- B. Their _____ was multiplied.**

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

C. Their _____ was moved.

Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Conclusion
