

CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 6:1-7

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

TURN TO THE PROBLEM. The apostles did not dodge the issue or dismiss the ladies as troublemakers, nor did the Apostles destroy their ministry by doing all the work themselves. (Acts 6:1, 2, fn 6:1, fn 6:1ff, Romans 12:3-8, fn 12:4-8, I Corinthians 12:7-31, fn 12:12, fn 12:14-24) *Why is it important for you to define your ministry and set boundaries to protect it?*

TURN OVER THE PROBLEM TO OTHERS. “Delegation is at the heart of developing followers.” Kent Hughes, Acts, page 95. The Apostles required only that the men chosen have wisdom and be full of (controlled by) the Holy Spirit. (Acts 6:3, fn 6:2-4, fn 6:3, II Timothy 2:1, 2, fn 2:2, Ephesians 4:11-16, fn 4:12, 13, James 1:5, fn 1:5[1st], fn 1:5[2nd]) *If you are controlled by the Holy Spirit, how do you have wisdom?*

TURN BACK FROM THE PROBLEM. The Apostles stayed focused on their calling. “The Apostles had served their Master wisely and skillfully, and their discipleship and delegation raised an army of Stephens and Phillips to spread the Gospel.” Kent Hughes, Acts, page 96. (Acts 6:4-7, fn 6:4, fn 6:6, fn 6:7[2nd], Galatians 6:1-5, fn 6:1-3) *How do you know that you know that you are where God wants you to be?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?