

**The First Administrative Problem:
The First Deacons
Acts 06:01–07**

<p>1 <i>A problem arose – some widows were being neglected</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Because of rapid growth b. Because of cliques or different groups c. Because of little help d. Because not organized e. Because of favouritism <p>2 <i>The democratic recommendation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involve the whole church b. Allow the apostles to concentrate on the Word c. Let others minister <p>3 <i>The required qualifications</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. An honest reputation b. Full of the Holy Spirit c. Full of wisdom <p>4 <i>The basic purpose: To relieve ministers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To pray b. To minister the Word <p>5 <i>The chosen deacons</i></p>	<p>1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.</p> <p>2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.</p> <p>3 Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them.</p> <p>4 And will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”</p> <p>5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.</p>
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<p>6 <i>The official ordination</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Included prayerb. Included laying on of hands <p>7 <i>The glorious results:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The Word spreadb. The church grewc. A large number of priests were converted	<p>6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.</p> <p>7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.</p>
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