

# NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SERMON NOTES  
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## Leaders Solve Problems Acts 6:1-7

### *Acts 6:1-7 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

<sup>2</sup> Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

<sup>4</sup> but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

<sup>5</sup> And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

<sup>6</sup> whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### Introduction

A Biblical / Christian Leader is:

- Called by God to lead, and
- Possess virtuous character and
- Motivates and directs others to fulfill God's vision.  
(George Barna)

Three things known about a problem:

1. Problems can come in the middle of good things happening.
2. Having problems does not always mean that you are out of God's will.
3. Every problem has a solution.

"We serve a real God." – Pastor Billy Johnson

## HOW DO LEADERS SOLVE PROBLEMS?

- **Recognize The Real Problem** – vs. 1 & 4

The presenting problem is not necessarily the real problem.

“We don’t know how to handle different.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

We must be prepared for “different.”

- **Review The Problem** - vs. 2-3

Must go over the problem to understand and fix it.

Must take emotion out of fixing the problem

I FEEL (emotion)

I THINK (reason)

I BELIEVE (faith)

Are you part of the problem?

“Everything you know how to do, does not mean that you are to go do it.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Ask what must be cultivated.

Ask what must be delegated.

Ask what must be eliminated.

The secret of concentration is elimination.

- **Recruit The Right Kind of Help With The Problem**– V. 3-5

Look for people who have a good reputation.

Look for people who are full of the Holy Spirit

Look for people full of wisdom.

- **Release The People To Work On The Problem** – v. 6

Release the people publicly

Solve the problem!