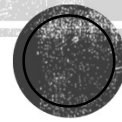


THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

The Seven | Acts 6:1-7



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THE SEVEN

The Main Point: In wisdom, the church must adapt its organization and strategies to faithfully obey the entirety of God's calling upon it.

- **The Complaint (vs. 1)**
- **Apostolic delegation (vss. 2-4)**
- **The Seven installed (vss. 5-6)**
- **The spread of the word (vs. 7)**



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Acts in Action

- A primer on wise administration in the church
 - The importance of accountability and authority
 - The Holy Spirit isn't opposed to careful planning and goal-setting
 - Focusing on particular people and opportunities over generic visions and ideas
 - Culture before strategies
 - Members sign up for ministry
 - The danger of mission creep
 - The ultimacy of word and prayer

