

“What We Do Matters For Eternity” **Acts 6:1-7**

INTRODUCTION: The Wisdom Of Focusing On The Right Priorities

- If we don’t learn to establish effective priorities, overloading will continue to fill up our schedules and keep us captive. We must learn the art of setting limits. (Richard Swenson)
- We believe that what we do matters for eternity because God establishes the work of our hands. And His love is greater than all the chaos and confusion of this moment. (Trevin Wax)
- I have directed you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in upright paths. (Proverbs 4:11—New American Standard Bible)

A Normal Church Problem

1. _____.
2. Us vs. _____.
3. Evangelism vs. _____.

A Mission-Focused Solution

1. Note, the leaders didn’t _____.
2. Note, the leaders didn’t _____.

3. Note, the leaders didn’t _____.

4. Note, the best solution: _____.

A Positive Outcome Which Resulted In Gospel Fruitfulness

1. The problem _____.
2. The gifts were _____.
3. The apostles were _____.
4. The church was _____.

CONCLUSION: All Churches Have Problems!

- When we read the descriptions of the early church, we may wish we could have been a part of this “perfect” church. In reality, the early church had problems just as we do today. No church has ever been or will ever be perfect until Christ and His followers are united at His second coming.
- If your church’s shortcomings distress you, ask yourself: “Would a perfect church allow me to be a member?” Then, do what you can to make your church better. A church does not have to be perfect to be faithful. (Life Application Study Bible)