

"Rock Solid Testimony"

But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food.

2 So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. 3 And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. 4 Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word."

5 Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). 6 These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them.

7 So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.

[Acts 6:1 – 7]

The qualifications of the first "deacons" were to be _____, _____, and _____.

Do not become so _____ minded that you are no _____ good.

Speak to GOD about _____
BEFORE you speak to _____ about _____.

Promotion to " _____ " service is a result of _____.

In the _____ of lying persecution how does **MY** face _____?

1. _____ to the Lord.
2. Determined to _____ the _____.
3. More concerned with what God _____ than what _____ might _____.
_____ anyway/anyhow!!

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

READ: _____

