

The Church Is Active in Service

Acts 6:1-7

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“Growing pains” refer to the challenges faced because of rapid growth. Organizationally, the pains are associated with the struggle to meet increasing demand while continuing to perform the primary functions that led to success. The New Testament Church faced the growing pains of a rapidly growing congregation and their answer was to initiate a new office that allowed the entire congregation to be *Active in Service*.

I. The C_____ (vv. 1-2)

“... proclaim the message; persist in it whether convenient or not; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching.”

2 Timothy 4:2

“When Moses’ father-in-law saw everything he was doing for them he asked, ‘What is this thing you’re doing for the people? Why are you alone sitting as judge, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening? ...

¹⁷What you’re doing is not good,’ Moses’ father-in-law said to him. ¹⁸You will certainly wear out both yourself and these people who are with you, because the task is too heavy for you. You can’t do it alone... ²¹But you should select from all the people able men, God-fearing, trustworthy, and hating bribes. Place [them] over the people as commanders of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.”

Exodus 18:14, 17-18, 21

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II. The R_____ (vv. 3-6)

“Deacons, likewise, should be worthy of respect, not hypocritical, not drinking a lot of wine, not greedy for money, ⁹holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And they must also be tested first; if they prove blameless, then they can serve as deacons. ¹¹Wives, too, must be worthy of respect, not slanderers, self-controlled, faithful in everything. ¹²Deacons must be husbands of one wife, managing their children and their own households competently. ¹³For those who have served well as deacons acquire a good standing for themselves, and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 3:8-13

“... so My word that comes from My mouth
will not return to Me empty,
but it will accomplish what I please
and will prosper in what I send it to do.”
Isaiah 55:11

“The LORD replied to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man who has the Spirit in him, and lay your hands on him.” Numbers 27:18

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III. The M_____ (v. 7)

“... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”
Matthew 28:19

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