

## **“Building Together”**

Acts 6:1-7

### **I. The necessity of unity in being \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. The enemy discourages with \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 4, Eph. 4:1-6

B. The world feeds \_\_\_\_\_ and the disease of self. Acts 5:1-5

C. \_\_\_\_\_ from within. Acts 6

1. The **Hebrews** were those Jews who were more inclined to embrace Jewish culture and were mostly from Judea. The **Hellenists** were those Jews who were more inclined to embrace Greek culture and were mostly from the *Diaspora* (all over the Roman Empire).
2. For the most part, **Hebrews** tended to regard **Hellenists** as unspiritual compromisers with Greek culture, and **Hellenists** regarded **Hebrews** as holier-than-thou traditionalists. There was already a natural suspicion between the two groups, and Satan tried to take advantage of that standing suspicion.

- The difficulty in distribution. I Timothy 5:3-16 "It is not suggested that the oversight was deliberate ... more probably the cause was poor administration or supervision."  
(Stott) With a church of thousands it would be impossible for the Apostles to keep up.

### **II. Great \_\_\_\_\_**

A. The hindrance of \_\_\_\_\_. I Cor. 14:33

1. It can be a distracting and debilitating to the body.

- When the majority of the ministry is done by few it stunts the growth of the body.
- Being over-structured can also limit the Holy Spirit's leading if we are unwilling to change.

2. The body had grown so fast that they had become disorganized and needed help.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people pleasing. Acts 16:6-16

C. It can cause some to \_\_\_\_\_ from what God has called them to do.

1. I Timothy 3:4- When what we neglect our primary ministry it will suffer.

- Martha was distracted in serving and neglecting Jesus. Luke 10:40-43

2. God gives gifted people to the local church for its edification. I Cor. 12:1-20

- Jesus method of discipleship was not only teaching but enabling the disciples to serve.  
The body as a whole and the individual miss out when they are not using their gifts.

### **III. God's call to \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 4:12, I Peter 5:2-3, Titus 1:7**

A. They sought out those already \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.

B. They could then serve with all \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The number of \_\_\_\_\_ multiplied.