

## **Acts: Be the Church**

### **“The Prudence of the Church”**

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**Acts 6**

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#### **I. The Prudent Church Deals with Distraction (Proverbs 1:1-3; Acts 6:1-2)**

- A. Understanding the Attack of the Enemy (1 Peter 5:7)
- B. Understanding the Appeal of the Event (2 Peter 1:10)
- C. Understanding the Acknowledgement of the Edict (Acts 1:8; 4:33; 5:29)

#### **II. The Prudent Church Determines the Direction (vs. 3-5)**

- A. The Prequalifications (John 6:63; 10:10)
- B. The Presentation (Galatians 5:22-23)
- C. The Proposal (Acts 6:5)

#### **III. The Prudent Church Delegates the Distribution (vs. 6)**

- A. With Prayer (Numbers 27:18; Deuteronomy 34:9)
- B. With Purpose (Acts 4:33; James 1:27)
- C. With Power (Isaiah 40:29)

#### **IV. The Prudent Church Develops Disciples (vs. 7-15)**

- A. Encouraging a closer walk with Christ
- B. Emulating God-given gifts (Psalm 57:2)
- C. Expecting opposition (Psalm 46:10)
- D. Experiencing peace (Acts 6:15; Philippians 4:7)

#### **Application:**

- How are you involved in ministry?
- Is there a certain ministry area that suits you better than another?
- What has God called you to do?
- Spend some time finding out your spiritual gifts. Here is a helpful link and free assessment: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>