

## November 1, 2020 - Servants of the Church

### Acts 6:1-7

**V.1** - The apostles and disciples were sharing the Gospel all over the region and the Church was growing quickly.

- Grecian Jews = Greek speaking Jews born outside of Israel now living in the Jerusalem area.
- Hebraic Jews = Native born Jews who spoke Hebrew or Aramaic.
- "daily distribution of food" - Literally, 'the daily ministry'.

**Vv.2-6** - This COULD have become a very divisive issue in the early church.

- Notice: They didn't get frustrated or angry;
- They didn't blow it off as unimportant;
- They didn't point fingers or cast blame;
- They didn't dictate who should fix it or how.

In the early church, the concept, activity and practice of a person came to identify that position or office.

The Greek word '*diakonos*' is translated 'deacon', 'servant', or 'minister' depending on the context and application.

Our church Deacons are: John Moysiuk, Dan Hildreth, Norwin Hansard, Chuck Anderson, Ernie Zabala and Shawn Long.

**V.7** - Often, when the devil tries to disrupt the Lord's church or His work, exactly the opposite happens.

- The Gospel continued to spread like wildfire;
- The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly;
- A large number of Jewish priests came to believe in Jesus!

When we approach our ministry and service in God's wisdom and grace as the apostles demonstrated here, His work marches on and we are blessed!