**FOCUS ON PRAYER AND THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Acts 6:1-15

Key Verses 6:3,4 “Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

1. As the church grew, what problem arose? (1) (How were the Hebraic Jews different from the Hellenistic Jews?) How did the apostles decide to deal with the problem? (2-4) Why was this an important decision?

2. Who were the seven men chosen to be stewards of the ministry? (5-7) What were their qualifications? (3) What do their names suggest about them?

3. What was the result? (7) What does this show about the importance of responsible stewardship?

4. What kind of man was Stephen? (8-10) Why and how did the Jews plot against and lie about Stephen? (11-15)

5. How did these attacks affect Stephen? What can we learn from these events?