



Series on the Acts of the Apostles #14
Here Comes the Devil

Acts 6:1-7
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Sunday Morning, April 26, 2009

Introduction: *Satan always seems to strike in the midst of great spiritual blessing and success. There was tremendous blessing in the first five chapters of Acts, but then we come to Chapter 6.*

I. The Problem (v. 1)

A. The reason for the problem

B. The reaction to the problem.

If not handled biblically, the results will always be ugly.

II. The Proposal (vv. 2-4)

A. They handled the problem.

B. They handled the problem biblically.

III. The Process (vv. 5-6)

IV. The Purpose – To allow the preachers of the Word and pastors of the church to free themselves from everything but prayer and preaching of the Word.

A. Prayer and preaching of the Word should have priority over practical management and administration.

B. Prayer is put on an equal footing with preaching. (Eph. 4:11-12)

Conclusion: *When we solve problems biblically, God will bless.*

Question: Is there anyone in this church that has offended you or for whom you have lost your love and support? God only gives you two choices:

1. *Let love cover the offense and let it go.*

2. *Approach and confront the person biblically.*



Community Fellowship Questions

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- *Seek to discuss these questions, not just give canned answers.*
- 1. Why are Satan's attacks from within the church more difficult to deal with than his attacks from outside the church? (i.e. persecution, false accusation, ridicule, etc.)
- 2. If murmuring and complaining are so directly condemned by Scripture, why do we continue murmuring and complaining?
- 3. What is the root problem of murmuring and complaining? Why?
- 4. What two choices does God give you when you have been offended?
- 5. What does it mean in Scripture when it says, "Don't take up other's offenses"?
- 6. What was the purpose for selecting seven men to "serve" the tables?
- 7. Why is being transparent so traumatic?
- 8. Currently, has anyone offended you and you have not taken biblical steps to resolve the issue? (This is not a "thought" question, but one what we would like some people to be honest and transparent about.) i.e. verbal answers
- 9. What would be your first step toward resolving the conflict?