

Maturity Demands Delegation
What do you need to Delegate? (Part 6)

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Big Question: Will you allow someone to help you?

Text: Acts 6:1–2

- 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was **increasing**, the Hellenistic Jews among them **complained** against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being **overlooked** in the daily distribution of food.

Introduction:

Three Questions You Should Consider

1. Are you increasing in your responsibilities? (**How much have you added?**)
2. Are you hearing complaints about sharing the work? (**What are people saying?**)
3. Is anyone feeling overlooked and neglected? (**Who have you left behind?**)

Note: Apply these questions to your family, organization, or workplace?

Three Questions That Could Change Your Life

1. What should you be doing?

- 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the **ministry of the word** of God in order to wait on tables.

2. What do you need to turn over?

- Acts 6:3–4 (NIV): 3 Brothers and sisters, 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 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

3. Can you name someone that can help with this responsibility?

- Acts 6:5–7 (NIV): This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Note: Delegation Worked: 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of **priests** became obedient to the faith.

- A. The number of the **disciples** grew
- B. The numbers of the disciples grew **faster**
- C. The diversity in the disciples broadened to include **priest**

Conclusion: Are you willing to admit you cannot do this alone?

Question: What if no one will help you? (Stop passing out the food and ask for help. v1)

Next Time: Maturity Demands Courageous Conversations