

Acts 6:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Analysis

The apostles gathered 'the multitude of disciples' for congregational decision-making. 'It is not reason that we should leave the word of God' established ministry priorities. The phrase 'serve tables' dignified practical service while distinguishing it from teaching ministry.

Historical Context

The 'multitude' involved the congregation in leadership selection. The apostles didn't dictate but proposed, modeling shared governance. 'Serving tables' likely included financial administration as well as food distribution.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How should teaching and practical ministry be balanced in church leadership?

2. What does congregational involvement in decision-making teach about church governance?

Interlinear Text

προσκαλεσάμενοι	δὲ	οἱ	δώδεκα	τὸ	πλῆθος	τῶν
called G4341	Then G1161	G3588	the twelve G1427	G3588	the multitude G4128	G3588
μαθητῶν	εἶπον,	Οὐκ	ἀρεστόν	ἐστιν	ἡμᾶς	
of the disciples G3101	unto them and said G2036	not G3756	reason G701	It is G2076	that we G2248	
καταλείψαντας	τὸν	λόγον	τοῦ	θεοῦ	διακονεῖν	τραπέζαις
should leave G2641	G3588	the word G3056	G3588	of God G2316	and serve G1247	tables G5132

Additional Cross-References

2 Timothy 2:4 (Parallel theme): No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Nehemiah 6:3 (Parallel theme): And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?