

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

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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?