

# Acts 6:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

## Analysis

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The apostles committed to 'give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.' This prioritization established the pattern of pastoral focus. 'Continually' (proskartereo) implies devoted persistence. Prayer and Word constitute the shepherd's primary calling.

## Historical Context

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This division of labor protected apostolic teaching ministry while ensuring practical needs were met. The model influenced later church office development.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do prayer and Word ministry relate to each other in pastoral calling?
2. What does this prioritization teach about protecting essential ministries?

## Interlinear Text

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ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου  
we But G3588 to prayer and G3588 to the ministry G3588 of the word  
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προσκαρτερήσομεν  
will give ourselves continually

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 1:14** (Prayer): These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

**Acts 2:42** (Prayer): And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**2 Timothy 4:2** (Word): Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

**Romans 1:9** (Prayer): For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

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