

Acts 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Analysis

'The word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied' - resolution of internal conflict enabled external growth. 'A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith' shows the gospel penetrating even religious leadership. Internal health promotes external witness.

Historical Context

Many priests served only during their assigned courses (Luke 1:8-9), living throughout Judea. Their conversion was remarkable given the high priest's opposition to Christianity.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does resolving internal church conflicts affect external witness?
2. What does priests' conversion teach about the gospel's power to reach religious professionals?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 19:20 (Word): So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Acts 12:24 (Word): But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Colossians 1:6 (References God): Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Hebrews 5:9 (Parallel theme): And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Acts 14:22 (Faith): Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Romans 1:5 (Faith): By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Romans 16:26 (Faith): But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

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