

A problem arises

- The first super church had growing pains
- The congregation was huge and they were infants in Christ
- There were great differences in the groups
- The problem had to be dealt with

The apostles respond

- Problems need to be dealt with before they become strongholds
- This type of problem as with most has a spiritual root
- The spiritual answer will come later in the scriptures
- For now there needed to be a resolution to the problem

Avoiding distractions

- The apostles were to meet the calling set forth by our Lord
- They would not let other weighty matters distract them.
- They did address and provide for the business of the church

The defining of ministry

- The apostles were responsible for the feeding of the lambs and sheep
- The other was to be called, needs or business (khirah)
- They would separate the two and make sure both were met

The ministry of the apostles

- Prayer is the source of ministry
 - Direction and empowerment must come from our requests of our Lord
- Ministry of the word - mentioned twice
 - Both the reading of the scriptures and the preaching of Jesus are

The choosing of the seven

- Chosen by the people
- Godly attributes
 - Honest report - Their reputation was genuine
 - Filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Full of wisdom

The commissioning of the men

- Set before the leaders of the church
- A season of prayer
- The laying on of hands