

Acts 6

The conflict we find in **(v.1-6)** was a **necessary nudge** for the edification of the church, and the glorification of Christ!

1 Timothy 5:3-16 widows are to be esteemed highly, within the church.

Hebrews (Jews) – care for widows: **(Psalms 68:5) A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.**

The Hellenist were Greeks/Jews born and raised in Greece; possessed strong affinity for the “rights of man.”

The apostles’ response serves as an example to us in these volatile times. (Read: 2-4) Do not allow these “challenging” times, to redefine who you are, in Christ!

The apostles had to differentiate between that which was essential and jettison the non-essential!

(Ephesians 5:15-16) See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

(Revelation 2:4) Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. More stuff can place us under the wrong yoke!

Jesus said: (Matthew 11:28-30) “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

“Be Spirit led and not need driven.”

Put on the right yoke, (Matthew 6:33-34) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

(Psalm 46:10) Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

“Magnificent seven!” - good reputations, full of the Holy Spirit, and wise (having wisdom).

In (v.8-15) – Stephen is falsely accused. (v.8-10) - Without the “conflict” there may have never been a Stephen!

What was the Synagogue of the Freedmen? Probably comprised of those who had been set free from being prisoners of war or from slavery.

True definition of a “real man,” (v.8) - **1 Kings 2:2-4**

(v.11-14) The same tactics used against Christ.

(v.15) Face of an angel. **(Psalm 23:5-6)** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

CONCLUSION: “Until we discover our wings there is no purpose for our living.”