



# FIRST BAPTIST

## Adjusting to the Growing Pains of Life

*Acts Series*

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1. Expect \_\_\_\_\_ to bring problems (v. 1)
2. Think long-term about \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)
3. Surround yourself with the right \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)
4. Keep the right \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4)
5. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ decisiveness (v. 5-6)
6. View setbacks as God's \_\_\_\_\_ for more growth (v. 7)

Acts 6:1-7 ESV – Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.