

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 11

Review: *With the growing needs of the growing church, the Apostles instruct the church to initiate the selection of a new level of administration that they could appoint to be both responsible and accountable in assisting them with practical service.*

I. The Practicality Of The Process To Promote Confidence - Acts 6:1-7

- A) The criteria would elevate some and eliminate others. They were to already exhibit The Pattern, The Power, and The Perspective required to serve.
- B) The people could evaluate objectively those men who were best suited to expand the quantity of the Apostle's ministry without losing quality.
- C) The Apostles could best evaluate the person's ability and willingness to perform under their direction and leadership.

II. The Practicality Of The Pattern To Promote Confidence - I Timothy 3:8

"...men of honest report..." refers to one's reliability and integrity

- A) Reliability and integrity seen through one's REPUTATION
Grave - "semnos" - to be serious, honorable, consistent
- B) Reliability and integrity seen through one's CONVERSATION
Double-tongued - "talking out of both sides of the mouth"
- C) Reliability and integrity seen through one's SEPARATION
Not given to much wine - temperance and self-denial, above reproach
- D) Reliability and integrity seen through one's MOTIVATION
Not greedy of filthy lucre - free covetousness and the love of money

III. The Practicality Of The Power To Promote Confidence - I Timothy 3:9-12

"...full of the Holy Ghost..." - refers to the evidences of a Spirit-controlled man

- A) The Spirit-filled man will be faithful to the WORD
To learn it, to know it, to live by it.
- B) The Spirit-filled man will be faithful to the WORK
Tested before Trusted, Proven before Promoted
- C) The Spirit-filled man will be faithful to his WIFE / HOME
Seen in the influence and fidelity of his marriage, respect in the home

IV. The Practicality Of The Perspective To Promote Confidence - I Timothy 3:13

"...full of wisdom..." refers to the motivational perspective behind what we do

- A) He is motivated by EXCELLENCE
- B) He is motivated by EXAMPLE
- C) He is motivated by ETERNITY