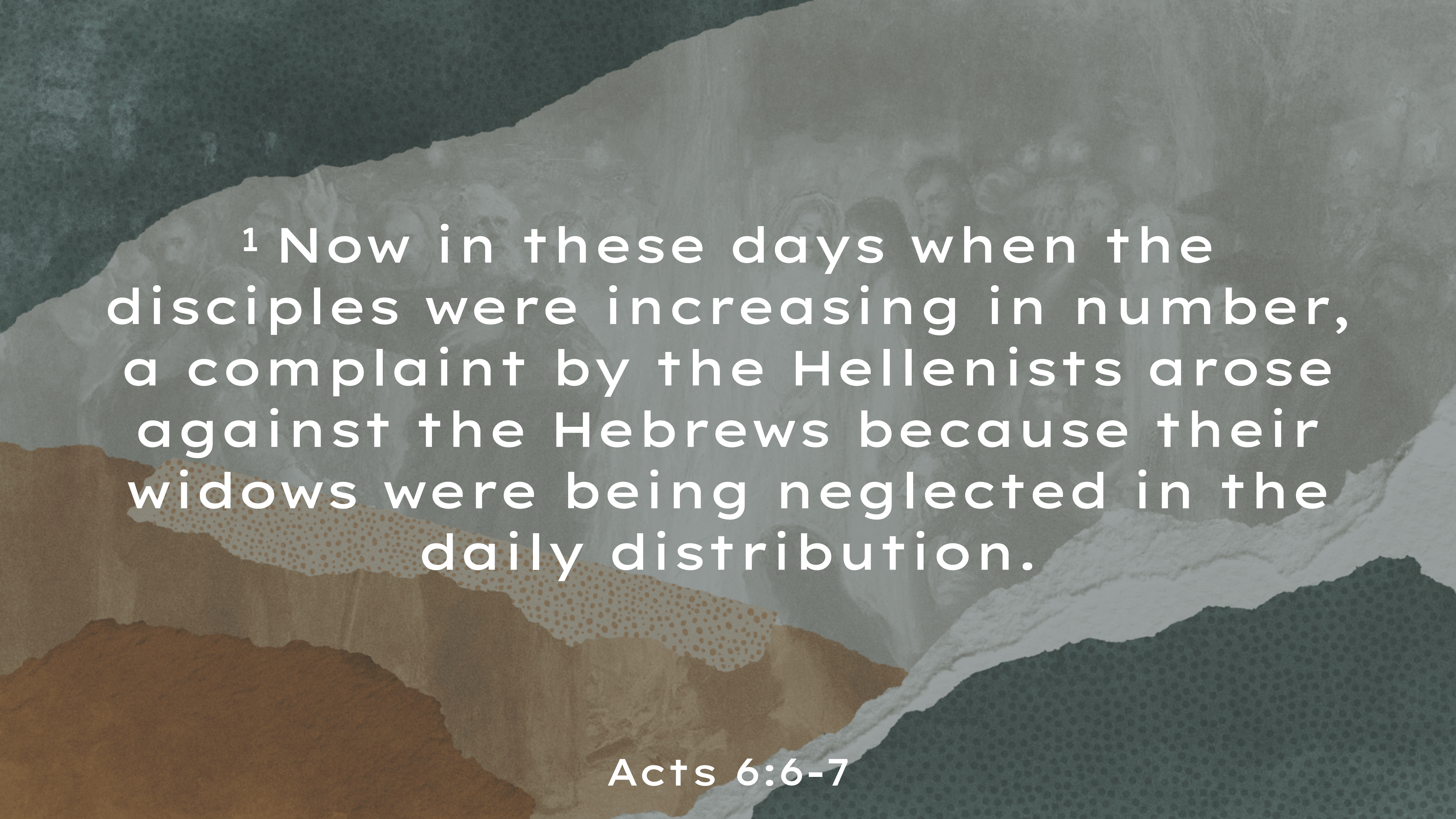




# His Church Increases For His Glory

ACTS 6:1-7



<sup>1</sup> 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.

Acts 6:6-7



**1. When the church's numbers increase her needs often increase.**  
**A. The Hebrews were ignoring the Hellenists.**

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**B. An urgency to maintain unity was presented.**

<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.

Acts 6:2-5



**2. When a need arises in the church, her leaders and members must seek a solution.**

A. The pastors recognized their duty of being committed to the spiritual component of praying, preaching, and teaching.



**2. When a need arises in the church, her leaders and members must seek a solution.**

B. Deacons were installed to maintain unity within the church by meeting the physical demands of the needy.

# A few principles of ministry that arise from this solution are:

1. A healthy church will grow spiritually.
2. When a healthy church grows spiritually, it often grows numerically.
3. When a church grows, new ministry opportunities are presented.
4. When new ministry opportunities are presented, God meets the need through His gifted people.
5. People serve best in the church in ministries aligned with their own gifting.





What is your gifting?

**Discover it.**

How are you serving?

**Dedicate to it.**

What needs to be done?

**Do it.**

<sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, <sup>7</sup> and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:6-7

**3. When problems are solved,  
God is glorified.**

**A. His Word increases.**

**Pride divides. Humility unites.**

**Our identity is in Christ.**

**3. When problems are solved,  
God is glorified.**

**B. His Church increases.**

**NO ONE IS BEYOND THE GRACE OF GOD!**