



The Problem: _____ **(6:1)**

1. The Church should _____

Acts 4:32 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold

2. The Church should _____

James 2:1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

3. The Church should _____

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1 Tim 5:3-11 Honor widows who are truly widows. 4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. 5 She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, 6 but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. 7 Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. 8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 9 Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, 10 and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work. 11 But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry

Next Week Sunday May 17th
Acts 6:8-15



a. Women's Status in Ancient World

- Seldom educated, treated as property
- Roman husbands could kill wives
- Abortion & Infanticide of Female babies widespread
- Jewish husbands could divorce with no requirements
- Couldn't eat w/ men or sit together in synagogue
- Couldn't be unaccompanied in public
- Couldn't inherit land or give testimony in court

b. Biblical Womanhood & Motherhood

1. Women created in God's Image, Equal to Man (Gen 1:26-27)
2. Women created by God to be Husband's Helper (Gen 2:18)
3. Women created to fulfill Cultural Mandate with men (1:28)
4. Women created with different Roles than Men (Eph 5:22-33)

c. What Changed Women's Status?

1. _____
2. _____

1 Peter 3:1-7 3 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

The Solution: _____ **(6:2)**

1. Church _____

a. **Deacon** means _____

- Job Description: _____

1. Food Tables
2. Money Tables

b. **Elder** means _____

- Job Description: _____ **(6:4)**

2. Church _____ **(6:3)**

Criteria for Church leaders:

1. Leaders come from among local church (6:3a)
2. Leaders were to be 7 men (6:3b)
3. Leaders had to have a Good Reputation (6:3c)
4. Leaders had to be Full of Holy Spirit (6:3d)
5. Leaders had to be full of Wisdom (6:3e)
6. Leaders had to be approved by Apostles (6:6)

3. Church _____ **(6:7)**

a. _____ Continues to Increase

Mat 24:4 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

How is the Word Increasing? In us? World?

b. _____ Continues to Increase

How are we Growing in our Discipleship?