

Gifts and Growth

Acts 6:1-7

1. The Problem

- Growth continues (5:14, 16, 41, 42)
- Growth and “headaches” (6:1)

Hellenists



Spoke Greek



Attended Greek-speaking
synagogues



Had “ties” with the
Jewish diaspora

Hebrews



Spoke Aramaic



Attended Hebrew – speaking



Had ties with Palestine

2. The Solution

- The Priority of the apostles: The ministry of the Word

- Choose seven men:
 - Possess certain character traits
 - Represent the make-up of the people
 - Empowered by the laying on of hands

3. **The Progress**

A. Consequences

- Ministry Spread
- Disciples increased
- Priests are converted

B. Concept

- When there is the use of gifts in ministry, there is growth.
- Where there is accountability and faithfulness in ministry there is growth.