

I Will Build My Church
PART 6: THE CHURCH AND LEADERSHIP
Acts 6:1-7

The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love, not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion. Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.

-John Stott

I. The Problem

II. The Priority

III. The Process

Application:

3. Obviously, from the biblical record, the deacons chosen by the early church were not just good at waiting on tables. Two of them, Stephen and Phillip, are major figures in the next couple of chapters in Acts. They, along with the apostles are doing signs and wonders in the power of the Spirit. (Acts 6:8) What characteristics do they exhibit in their ministry that should characterize each of us as we exercise our gifts on behalf of Christ for the benefit of the Church? (Acts 7, Acts 8:26-40)

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about what godly leadership means to our church.