

EVENING WORSHIP

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Title: **MEN OF GOOD REPUTATION**

Text: **Acts 6**

(I) THE CHALLENGE OF APOSTOLIC MINISTRY (Acts 1-5)

1. To be apostles

- a) Trained
- b) Trusted

2. To bear witness (Acts 1:8)

- a) As Disciples trained by the Lord Jesus
- b) To testify of His Resurrection

3. To do evangelistic work

- a) Mass evangelism
- b) Personal evangelism

4. To do Discipling work (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:40-47)

- a) Teach
- b) Baptise
- c) Provide opportunities for growth and ministry

5. To govern the Church

- a) Laying the foundations
- b) Planning
- c) Resolving problems
- d) Personal Commitment to keep learning/growing
- e) Prayer

(II) THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING A GROWING CORE OF LEADERS

1. More leaders needed (Acts 6)

2. Kind of Leaders needed:-

- a) Good and faithful leaders
- b) Well-equipped leaders

3. Purposeful leadership

- a) To meet new challenges
- b) To free apostles to concentrate on their tasks

(III) CRITERIA FOR LEADERSHIP

Acts 6:3, 5

1. Criteria Explained

- a) Men of good reputation
- b) Full of the Holy Spirit
- c) Full of Wisdom
- d) Full of Faith

2. Criteria met

- a) Seven men met these criteria
- b) They were duly appointed

(IV) RESULTS OF MEETING LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. The Church grew further

2. The Church stayed harmonious

3. Many more blessed