



LISTENING GUIDE

How to Build a Gospel Advancing Ministry! Ongoing Programs Reflect It

“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” Acts 5:42-6:7

Relentlessly prioritize _____ and the ministry of the Word.

1. Prayer (Acts 6:4)
2. The Ministry of the _____ (Acts 5:42)

Ruthlessly _____ these priorities into your schedule.

1. Be _____ about it! (Acts 6:1)
2. Be _____ about it! (Acts 6:2)

Rigorously _____ everything else.