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# Take care

Acts 6:1-7

## The world doesn't look like heaven...yet.

Every day Jesus instructed his disciples to pray for Heaven on Earth. He wanted every man woman and child to have a clear vision of what we should be striving for in this life. And while we have seen some considerable healing take place in our world over the past two-thousand years, there is still so much that doesn't look like or feel like heaven. God, however, doesn't give up and nor should we. As long as there are people still living in hell, we must dedicate our hearts and minds to bringing a little more heaven each and every day.

THINK IT OVER

**When have you seen or done something heavenly before?**

6 About that time, while the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose. Greek-speaking disciples accused the Aramaic-speaking disciples because their widows were being overlooked in the daily food service.

1) Be fair. God's work is incompatible with favoritism or discrimination.

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**When have you felt overlooked or when have you overlooked someone?**

2 The Twelve called a meeting of all the disciples and said, “It isn’t right for us to set aside proclamation of God’s word in order to serve tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, carefully choose seven well-respected men from among you. They must be well-respected and endowed by the Spirit with exceptional wisdom. We will put them in charge of this concern. 4 As for us, we will devote ourselves to prayer and the service of proclaiming the word.”

2) Remember your primary purpose. Ask others to help so you can stick to it.

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Are you good at asking for help? How could you be better at this?

5 This proposal pleased the entire community. They selected Stephen, a man endowed by the Holy Spirit with exceptional faith, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 The community presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 God’s word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. Even a large group of priests embraced the faith.

3) Do the hard work so that the world may come to know how beautiful Jesus is.

THINK IT OVER

What hard work do you need to do so that Jesus’ light will shine even more through you?