



# Acts 29

# Witness

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Dealing Wisely with Growth & Grumbling

Acts 6:1-7

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# MBC Vision Emphasis 2024

**Be an Acts 29 Witness  
through spirit filled devotion to Scripture,  
community, prayer, & outreach.**

**I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he  
it is that bears much fruit, for apart  
from me you can do nothing.**

**John 15:5**

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## The Solution: Declaration & Delegation

<sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to **serve tables**... <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

# Guiding Principles

1. My PRIMARY MINISTRY commitment should be in the area where I am CALLED & GIFTED.



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2. My SECONDARY MINISTRY includes serving in any other area of the Body where I am NEEDED. .

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3. Church is a team sport.

## The Solution: Declaration & Delegation

<sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

<sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

## The Outcome: Ministry & Multiplication

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, **if you have love for one another.**” John 13:34–35