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Practically All In
Acts 6:1-7

Acts 6:1-7 *Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food. 2 So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. 3 "Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. 6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them. 7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. (NAU)*

Practically All In:

I. Problem in the Early Church: _____ (V.1)

The Source of the Conflict:

- 1.
- 2.

II. The Bible's Solution: _____ (Vs. 2-6)

A. Leaders need to recognize their limitations. (vs. 2&4)

1. Remember your _____ -
2. Remember your _____ -

B. Followers need to recognize they are called to make a practical commitment (not just a theological commitment). (V. 3, 5)

1. *Select from among you...* (V. 3)
2. Chose Seven - (V. 5)

Main Idea:

Why don't people in the church make a practical commitment?

1. Established leaders _____.
2. The rest of the Church happily _____.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What are my theological commitments? What are my practical commitments? Do they match? How do they reflect each other?
2. Where do I connect weekly and daily with Jesus?
3. Where do I grow in my life of following Jesus?
4. Where does my life bear fruit in serving Christ and others in Jesus' name?

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