

¹IN THE FIRST BOOK, O THEOPHILUS, I HAVE DEALT WITH ALL THAT JESUS
BEGAN TO DO AND TEACH, ²UNTIL THE DAY WHEN HE WAS TAKEN UP,
AFTER HE HAD GIVEN COMMANDS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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TO THE APOSTLES WHOM HE HAD CHOSEN... ⁸"BUT YOU WILL
RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU,
AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA

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AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH"...
¹⁰AND WHILE THEY WERE GAZING INTO HEAVEN AS HE WENT,
BEHOLD, TWO MEN STOOD BY THEM IN WHITE ROBES, ¹¹AND SAID,

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"MEN OF GALILEE, WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING INTO HEAVEN? THIS
JESUS, WHO WAS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL COME IN THE
SAME WAY AS YOU SAW HIM GO INTO HEAVEN." —ACTS 1:1-2, 8, 10-11

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WBC MISSION STATEMENT: "WARREN IS A COMMUNITY OF
BELIEVERS SURRENDERED TO THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS CHRIST
AND DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE GOSPEL TOGETHER

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IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND AROUND THE WORLD
AS WE MAKE DISCIPLES AND MULTIPLY DISCIPLE-MAKERS."

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I. THE CHURCH IS BORN AT PENTECOST

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³²THIS JESUS GOD RAISED UP, AND OF THAT WE ALL ARE WITNESSES...
⁴⁰AND WITH MANY OTHER WORDS HE BORE WITNESS AND
CONTINUED TO EXHORT THEM, SAYING,

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"SAVE YOURSELVES FROM THIS CROOKED GENERATION." ⁴¹SO THOSE
WHO RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED, AND THERE WERE ADDED
THAT DAY ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS. —ACTS 2:32, 40-41

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¹AND AS THEY WERE SPEAKING TO THE PEOPLE, THE PRIESTS AND THE
CAPTAIN OF THE TEMPLE AND THE SADDUCEES CAME UPON THEM,
²GREATLY ANNOYED BECAUSE THEY WERE TEACHING THE PEOPLE

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AND PROCLAIMING IN JESUS THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.
³AND THEY ARRESTED THEM AND PUT THEM IN CUSTODY
UNTIL THE NEXT DAY, FOR IT WAS ALREADY EVENING.

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⁴BUT MANY OF THOSE WHO HAD HEARD THE WORD BELIEVED,
AND THE NUMBER OF THE MEN CAME TO ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND.
—ACTS 4:1-4

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¹AND MORE THAN EVER BELIEVERS WERE ADDED TO THE LORD,
MULTITUDES OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN... ²AND EVERY DAY,
IN THE TEMPLE AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE,

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THEY DID NOT CEASE TEACHING AND PREACHING
THAT THE CHRIST IS JESUS. —ACTS 5:14, 42

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2. THE CHURCH IS TORN BY GROWTH

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NOW IN THESE DAYS WHEN THE DISCIPLES WERE
INCREASING IN NUMBER, A COMPLAINT BY THE
HELLENISTS AROSE AGAINST THE HEBREWS

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BECAUSE THEIR WIDOWS WERE BEING NEGLECTED
IN THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION. —ACTS 6:1

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3. THE CHURCH IS SHORN THROUGH SERVICE

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²AND 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.

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³THEREFORE, 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.

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⁴BUT WE WILL DEVOTE OURSELVES TO PRAYER AND TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD" ... ⁷AND THE WORD OF GOD CONTINUED TO INCREASE,

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AND THE NUMBER OF THE DISCIPLES MULTIPLIED GREATLY IN JERUSALEM, AND A GREAT MANY OF THE PRIESTS BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH. —ACTS 6:2-4, 7

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"THE ANSWER WAS NOT TO LIMIT THE GROWTH, BUT TO ENGAGE THE PEOPLE."

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PAUL AND TIMOTHY, SERVANTS OF CHRIST JESUS, TO ALL THE SAINTS IN CHRIST JESUS WHO ARE AT PHILIPPI, WITH THE OVERSEERS AND DEACONS: —PHILIPPIANS 1:1

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⁸DEACONS LIKEWISE MUST BE DIGNIFIED, NOT DOUBLE-TONGUED, NOT ADDICTED TO MUCH WINE, NOT GREEDY FOR DISHONEST GAIN. ⁹THEY MUST HOLD THE MYSTERY OF THE FAITH

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WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE. ¹⁰AND LET THEM ALSO BE TESTED FIRST; THEN LET THEM SERVE AS DEACONS IF THEY PROVE THEMSELVES BLAMELESS. ¹¹THEIR WIVES LIKEWISE MUST BE DIGNIFIED,

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NOT SLANDERERS, BUT SOBER-MINDED, FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS. ¹²LET DEACONS EACH BE THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE, MANAGING THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLDS WELL.

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¹³FOR THOSE WHO SERVE WELL AS DEACONS GAIN A GOOD STANDING FOR THEMSELVES AND ALSO GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE FAITH THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS. —1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

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DEACONS...

- ARE SELECTED BASED ON CHARACTER
ACTS 6:3
- SERVE TO REDUCE CONFLICT AND EXTEND CARE
ACTS 6:1
- SUPPORT THE GREAT COMMISSION
ACTS 6:7

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PEACE MAKERS
PROBLEM SOLVERS
PROMISE KEEPERS
PACE SETTERS
HIGH FIVE FOR DEACONS
PRAYER WARRIORS

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THESE THEY SET BEFORE THE APOSTLES,
AND THEY PRAYED AND LAID THEIR HANDS ON THEM.
—ACTS 6:6

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