

# VOLUME 11, UNIT 31, SESSION 2 (CSB)

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## + **DIVISION AND STRIFE THREATENS THE CHURCH** (ACTS 6:1).

<sup>1</sup> In those days, as the disciples were increasing in number, there arose a complaint by the Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution.

## **DIVERSITY OF ROLES STRENGTHENS THE CHURCH**

(ACTS 6:2-4).

<sup>2</sup> The Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, “It would not be right for us to give up preaching the word of God to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

## **ACTING IN UNITY ADVANCES THE CHURCH** (ACTS 6:5-7).

<sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole company. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert from Antioch. <sup>6</sup> They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread, the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly in number, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

