

Developing Intentional Growth

# Great Commitment: Our People

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1. In Acts 6:1-7, we see the apostles basically telling the church to “choose the *best* from among you to serve the *least*.” How does God’s definition of “best” differ from the world’s?
  2. Does God want us to push our way into leadership positions or be willing to serve in menial ways for as long as is needed? Why was it important for these new leaders to be developed?
  3. What were the three specific qualifications for male servants in the church in these verses? What does each mean in practical terms?
  4. Though programs are necessary to help the church run “decently and in order,” is our real ministry *people* or *programs*? How do these verses in Acts clarify that truth? When the church body paid sensitive attention to people-details, how did God respond? How should this look in practical terms at Blair Ridge?
  5. The word “deacon” literally means “servant.” How would you describe a *servant/leader*?
  6. The true heart of a servant is *becoming excited about making someone else successful* (John 15:12,13). Discuss how the following character traits encourage others to be successful.
    - “reverent” –
    - “not double-tongued” –
    - “not given to much wine” –
    - “not greedy for money” –
    - “a pure conscience” –
    - “first be tested” –
    - “blameless” –
  7. According to verse 13, what are two of the rewards for “serving well” in the church position of a deacon? Explain each.
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# Theme: The Great Commitment

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## Monday

How can you be more sensitive to the needs of those at Blair Ridge? Think of several specific ideas.

## Tuesday

Do you view “minority groups” in the church as those needing less attention? Do you look at widows, singles, the handicapped, or those of other ethnicities as being less important than two-parent families? How did the apostles deal with one of these people-groups in Acts 6? If necessary, will you commit to change your thinking to line up with God’s thinking in this matter?

## Wednesday

God wants each of us to be servants. Define someone with a “servant’s heart” and honestly decide what you can do to become more like that.

## Thursday

If you are asked to be in a service/leadership position in the church, how will you respond: with humility or pride? Why does responding with pride contradict the Biblical idea of “service”? What would this tell others about your true heart attitude?

## Friday

When we serve God humbly and selflessly, He will bless our efforts. Describe a time when you saw Him do this for you.

## Saturday

“Help me, LORD, to be a willing and selfless servant for You, in whatever position or title I find myself blessed with. Thank You for the many opportunities to serve. May I ‘serve well’ for Your glory.”

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