

Consider some of the similarities in Exodus 18:13-27 and Acts 6:1-7

Exodus 18:13-27	Acts 6:1-7
Growth brings new challenges	
About two million people to lead	“number of disciples increasing”
Lack of delegation makes the leader reactive, not proactive	
The people come to me to seek God’s will	The Twelve must respond to the complaints
Lack of delegation delays justice	
People stand around all day waiting for Moses’ rulings	Grecian widows overlooked
Lack of delegation hurts the leader	
Moses will wear himself out, work is too heavy for him	Distracted from preaching
Lack of delegation hurts potential leaders	
Need officials to judge the simple cases	Need others to handle this responsibility
Lack of delegation steals from tasks of calling	
What you are doing is <i>not good</i>	It would <i>not be right</i> for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God
Delegation demands character	
Capable men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain	Men who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom
Delegation returns the leader to task of calling	
You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.	We will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.
Delegation furthers growth	
More leaders equipped to minister to the people Prepared them for future ministry Moses grows through his teachability, humility Moses preserves his energy, regains the time to continue his leadership Disputes resolved more quickly, people can resume their daily lives	Seven new men commissioned for ministry positions Word of God spread Number of disciples increased Large number of priests became obedient to the faith

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