

# Turning the Tables

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## I. Introduction.

A. The Apostles took a problem and turned it into an opportunity. They appointed deacons to serve for the daily distribution.

B. Satan tried to sidetrack the Apostles from ministering the Word of God by causing people to focus on spiritual concerns.

C. Text: Acts 6.

## II. Legitimate demands often rent a person from focusing on learning the Word of God.

## III. We can neglect the Word of God by focusing on sacraments over the Word.

A. There is a great hunger in the world for the word of God.

B. Sacraments should not overcome the word of God.

## IV. We can neglect the Word of God by engaging in well meaning dialogue.

A. There is a dialogue of ignorance in the church.

B. There is no clear presentation of the Word of God.

## V. We can neglect the Word of God by neglecting the Word of God over the social needs of others.

## VI. The Apostles absolutely devoted themselves to the Word of God.

A. The Word of God increased and the church multiplied.

B. The Word of God is powerful, alive and gets into the depth of people's being. (Hebrews 4)

C. The Word of God brings conviction that leads to repentance.

D. If we are going to see the Word of God preached and believers multiplied the Word must be spread with power and clarity.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is the ministry of the Word of God of foremost important in the church?

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2. What issues tend to replace the importance of the Word of God in the church today?

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3. How will you commit yourself more to the preaching of the Word?

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