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...so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



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Then we will not longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.



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Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



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*** THE GOAL IS GROWTH**



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12b: The Body is **BUILT UP**

13a: The Body is **UNIFIED**

13b: The Body becomes more **INTIMATE w/JESUS**

13c-14a: The Body becomes more **LIKE JESUS**

14b: The Body is protected from **FALSE TEACHING**

15-16: The Body will be known for its **LOVE**



Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.



Acts 6:1-7

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said: “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.



Acts 6:1-7

We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”



Acts 6:1-7

**“So the word of God spread.
The number of disciples in Jerusalem
increased rapidly, and a large number of
priests became obedient to the faith.”**



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1 Timothy 3:8-13

Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.



1 Timothy 3:8-13

They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

In the same way, **their wives are to be women worthy of respect...**



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...not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.



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Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Jesus Christ.



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“Worthy of Respect”



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**Disciplining Themselves
Devoting Themselves**



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THEIR CHARACTER

**LEADERS MUST MODEL
THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST.**



THEIR ROLE

John 13:12-15

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.



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THEIR ROLE

John 13:12-15

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”



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THEIR ROLE

**LEAD OUR CHURCH
IN SERVICE.**



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THEIR IMPACT

John 13:35

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples: if you love one another.”



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THEIR IMPACT

**PRACTICAL LOVE IS TO BE THE
TRADEMARK OF THE CHURCH
SO OTHERS CAN SEE
WHAT GOD'S KINGDOM IS
REALLY ABOUT.**



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