

Resolving a Spiritual Problem

Acts 6

Introduction

-Different sinful reactions to conflict:

- 1.) Blame-shifting
- 2.) Silent treatment
- 3.) Outbursts of anger
- 4.) Complaining

I. The Solution to Spiritual Conflict (v1-7)

-Hellenists vs. Hebrew Jews

-Serious situation, but shouldn't have resulted in complaining

-The disciples solved problem by delegation

-Chose men based on character and spiritual maturity

-The Word of God spread for 2 reasons:

#1 Leaders in the church maintained the priority of leading and teaching the flock

#2 Individual played their role in the body

II. The Spiritual Character of Stephen (v8-15)

-Stephen was "full of faith and power"

-He maintained a balance!

-Stephen maintained an exemplary attitude in response to the attacks

Conclusion:

-How does your character compare to Stephen's?