**The Devil is looking to Attack**

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

I enjoy studying the history about the early church. I like reading about the miracles and the fellowship the believers had with one another. One would find it easy to sit back and wish to be part of that early perfect church. However, the reality is that the early church wasn’t perfect. The same can also be said for churches across the world today in the 21st century. We should be reminded that the devil will try to use these imperfections to hurt an individual’s walk with the Lord and even cripple a church’s ministry.

In the first verse of Acts 6, Luke tells us readers that the number of disciples multiplied. Now, before I go further, I need to share a note. My late father once told me, “Once you start living for the Lord, that is when the devil will really try to attack you.” That is exactly what we see in this passage. Luke tells us that the disciples multiplied and immediately afterwards we read, “*there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration*.” When I read this, I picture individuals fired up for living for the Lord and now here is the devil trying to rear his ugly head in the picture and disrupt the fellowship.

The issue we read about is between the Grecians and Hebrews. The Grecians primary language was Greek, while the Hebrews was more than likely Aramaic who had been attending Hebrew-speaking synagogues. Here, the Grecians (Greek speaking Jews), complained about their widows being treated unfairly. It’s worth noting that this issue was probably not intentional, yet due to a language barrier. Luckily, the apostles corrected the problem by placing seven men in charge of the food distribution program.

This situation could have turned out a much different way. Yet, let us be reminded that the devil will use our slightest differences to attempt to disrupt fellowship among believers. Not only can he disrupt our fellowship with other believers, but he can also disrupt our own individual walk with the Lord. All churches have problems. If there was a perfect church out there, you would have to ask yourself, “Would a perfect church allow me to be member?” Let us continue to support, love, and pray for one another as we continue to spread to Gospel to the World.

In Christ,
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