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# The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

“*Spiritual Growth, Spiritual Maturity*”  
Acts 6:3–15



**Acts 6:1, “Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.**

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**διακονέω *diakoneō***

**pres act infin , infinitive of purpose;**

**“to serve, wait on, to take care of someone”**

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**πλήρης *plērēs***

**Adjective**

**acc masc plur full**

**with two *genitives* of content**

**indicating a description**

**Acts 9:36, “At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.”**

**Acts 11:24, “For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.”**

**Acts 13:10, “and said, ‘O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?’ ”**

**Acts 19:28, “Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, ‘Great is Diana of the Ephesians!’ ”**

**Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,”**

**πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι,  
*plerousthe en pneumati*  
with, by means (dative of instrumentality)**

**Acts 6:4, “but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”**

**προσκαρτερέω *proskartereō***

**fut act indic 1 plur**

**to persist in; to persevere in; to be constant in something**

**Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2 used of prayer**

**Col. 4:2, “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;”**

**Acts 6:4, “ ‘but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’**

**Acts 6:5, “And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,”**

**Acts 6:6, “whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.”**

**Num. 27:22, “So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.**

**Num. 27:23, “And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.”**

**Acts 6:7, “Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”**

**Acts 6:8, “And Stephen, full of faith and power,  
did great wonders and signs among the people.”**

**2 Cor. 12:12, “Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.”**

**Acts 6:9, “Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen.”**