**8** This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.

Joshua 1:8 (HCSB)



6 Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

#### Philippians 4:6 (HCSB)



### Acts Part 14

# "Chosen to Serve"



**1** Now at this time, as the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint developed on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.



31 All bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice.

Ephesians 4:31 (NASB)



15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

Hebrews 12:15 (NASB)



**19 "When you reap your harvest in your** field and forget a sheaf in the field, you are not to go back to get it; it shall belong to the stranger, the orphan, and to the widow, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21 (NASB)

20 When you beat *the olives* off your olive tree, you are not to search through the branches again; *that* shall be *left* for the stranger, the orphan, and for the widow.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21 (NASB)

21 "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you are not to go over it again; *that* shall be *left* for the stranger, the orphan, and the widow.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21 (NASB)

5 "Then I will come near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, those who oppress the wage earner in his wages or the widow or the orphan, and those who turn away the stranger *from justice* and do not fear Me," says the Lord of armies.

Malachi 3:5 (NASB)

2 So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

3 Instead, brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."



8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

4 For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.

Romans 12:4-8 (NASB)

6 However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them *properly*: if prophecy, in proportion to one's faith; 7 if service, in the *act* of serving; or the one who teaches, in the act of teaching; Romans 12:4-8 (NASB)

8 or the one who exhorts, in the work of exhortation; the one who gives, with generosity; the one who is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:4-8 (NASB)

17 Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this way let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:17 (NASB)



10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

### 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NASB)

11 Whoever speaks *is to do so* as *one who is speaking* actual words of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as *one who is serving* by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NASB)



4 But He answered and said, "It is written: 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."

#### Matthew 4:4 (NASB)



**5** The announcement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.



### 6 And they brought these men before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

7 The word of God kept spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.



34 I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 (NASB)

18 Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

### 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NASB)

19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NASB)

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

### 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NASB)

