

Officers 4

Acts 6

Puritan Reformed Church - Pastor David Reece

Lord's Day October 30th, Anno Domini 2022

Text - Acts 6

Exodus 30:14 - 20 years to pay the census/temple/tabernacle tax

Exodus 38:26 - 20 years paid the census/temple/tabernacle tax

Leviticus 27:3 - Males of 20 years to 60 years valued at 50 shekels to be dedicated to the Lord and redeemed - this is viewed as the working time of a man's life - prime is viewed as 30-60 years old.

Numbers 1:3-45 - 20 years old 15 times

Numbers 14:29 - 20 years old and up responsible as the men

Numbers 26:2-4 - the whole congregation - men of 20 years and above

Numbers 32:11 - 20 years old and up responsible as the men

Those who are counted as Men in Israel, those who make up the congregation as the voting body, the ones who can be called up to go to war.

Numbers 4:3-47 - 30 years old to 50 years old - 7 times - those who are dealing with the set of work discussed in the context

Numbers 8:24-25 - 25 years old to 50 years old - 2 times - lampstand work and the cleansing process for those who are doing this work aged 25-50 - those over 50 able to do other work to assist, but not the work discussed - what work could be done to assist? Those over 50 could train the people from 25-30 and those 30-50 could do the main work.

- 1) Those in training
 - a) 25-29 - Levitical Ministry Trainees
 - b) Of a set of Israel - only the tribe of Levi
- 2) Levites (assistants to Priests to shoulder the work of managing capital, material goods and real estate, and mercy ministry),
 - a) 30 and up
 - b) Of a set of Israel - only the tribe of Levi
- 3) Priests (Sacraments, word [cannons, rulings, teaching, rebuking, correcting, training in righteousness], and prayer).
 - a) At least 30
 - b) Of a set of the Levites

1 Chronicles 23:26 - Levites 20 in working in the temple rather than moving the parts of the tabernacle

Ezra 3:8 - levites 20 in working to build the temple

- 4) Those in training
 - a) CHANGE
 - b) 20-29 - Levitical Ministry Trainees
 - c) Of a set of Israel - only the tribe of Levi
- 5) Levites (assistants to Priests to shoulder the work of managing capital, material goods and real estate, and mercy ministry),
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Acts 4:32-37

32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and **laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.**

36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), **a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.**

7) CHANGE

8) Giving not to the Priests in the Temple but to the Apostles/Elders in the Church

Acts 6:1-15

6:1 Now in those days, **when the number of the disciples was multiplying,** there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by **the Hellenists** [Greek speaking Jews], because their widows were **neglected in the daily distribution.** 2 Then the twelve **summoned the multitude of the disciples** and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the **word of God** and **serve tables.** 3 Therefore, **brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom,** whom we may **appoint over this business;** 4 but we will give ourselves **continually to prayer** and to **the ministry of the word.**"

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, 6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

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.

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. 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. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." 12 And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. 13 They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; 14 for we have heard him say that **this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us.**" 15 And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

9) CHANGE

10) Elders, Deacons, and the Church replace the role of the Priests, Levites, and Temple in mercy ministry.

11) Nomination, Election, Testing, Ordination