

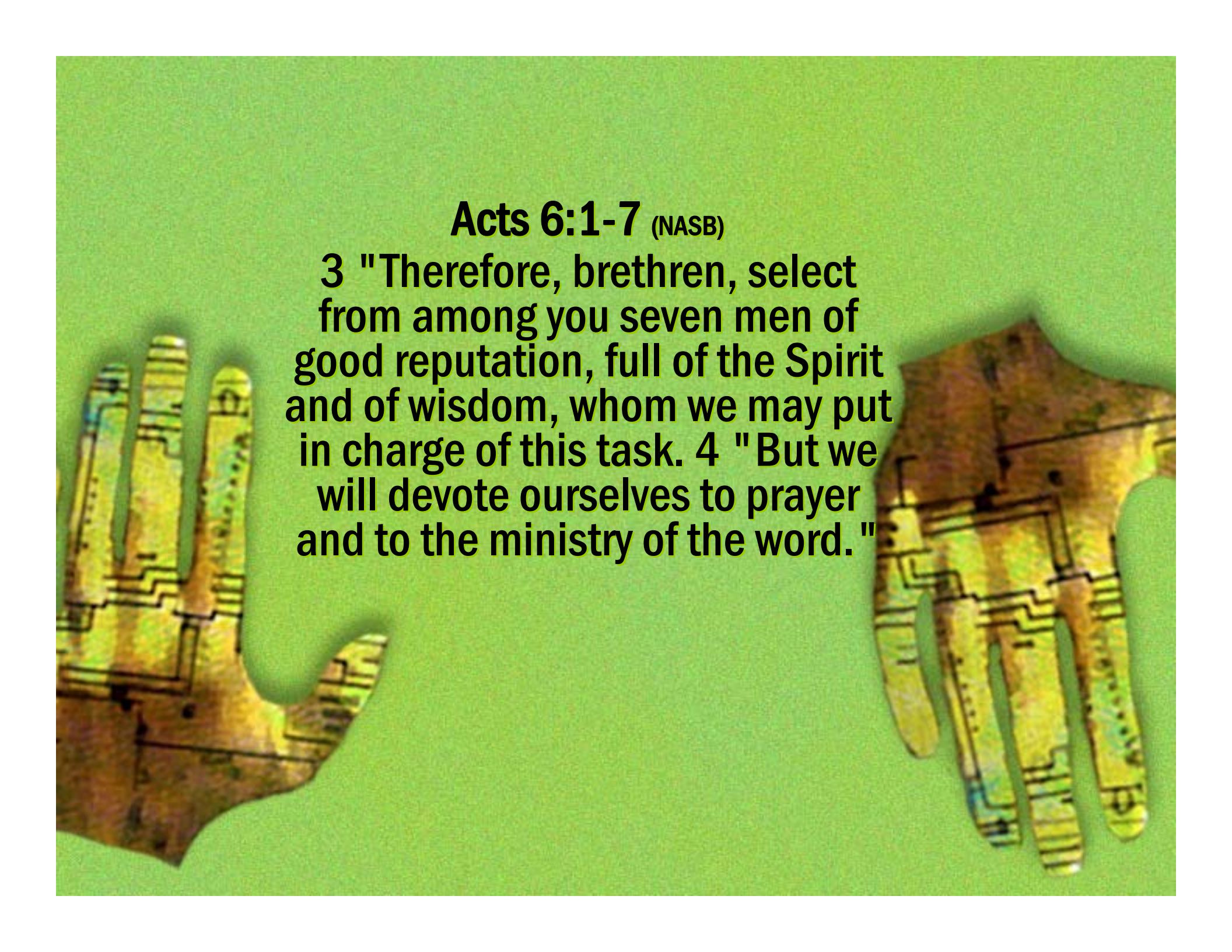
Deacons Looking for a few Good Men

Acts 6:1-7



Acts 6:1-7 (NASB)

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

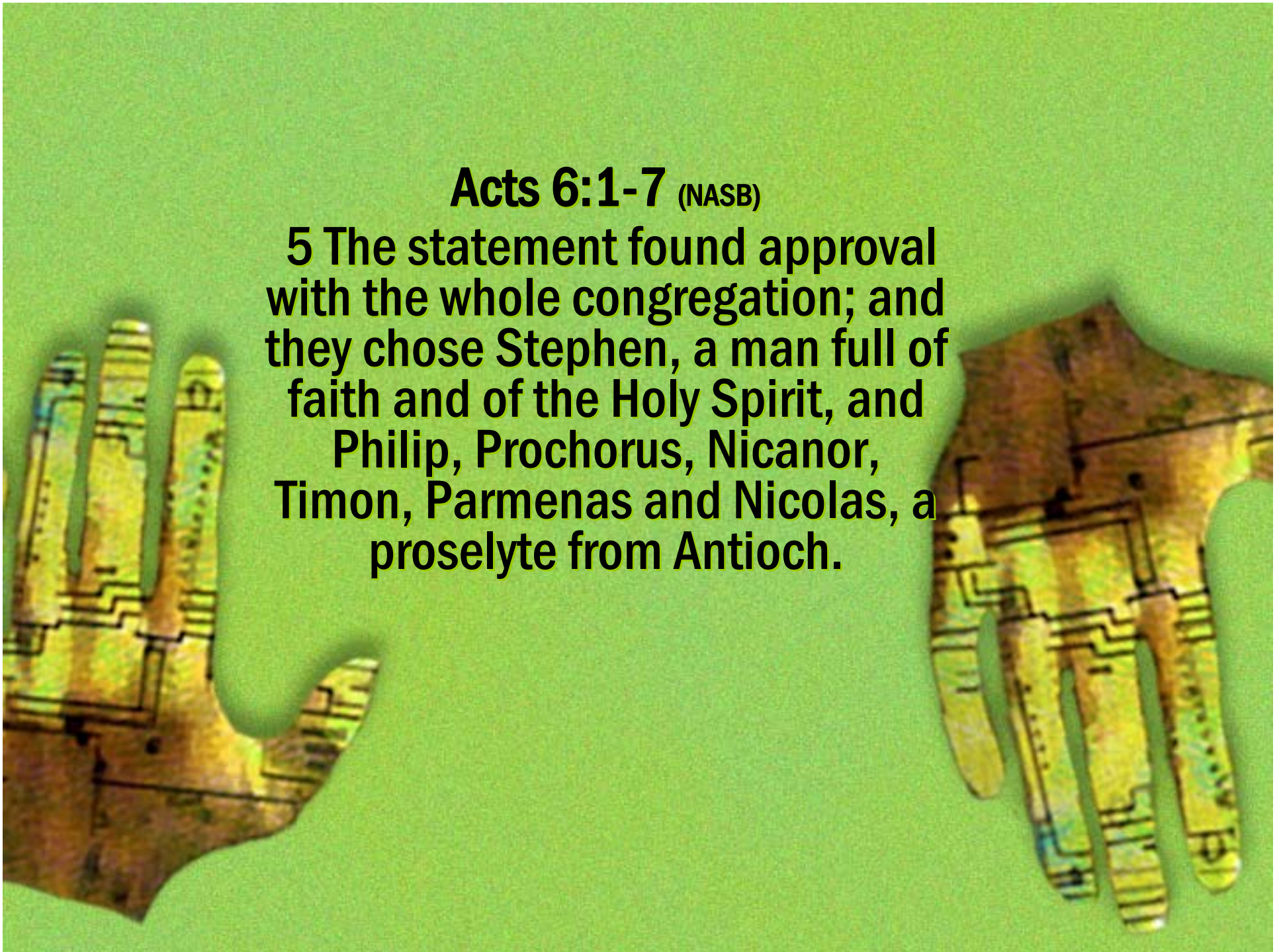


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3 "Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 " But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. "

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5 The statement 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.



Acts 6:1-7 (NASB)

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

7 The word of God kept on 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.



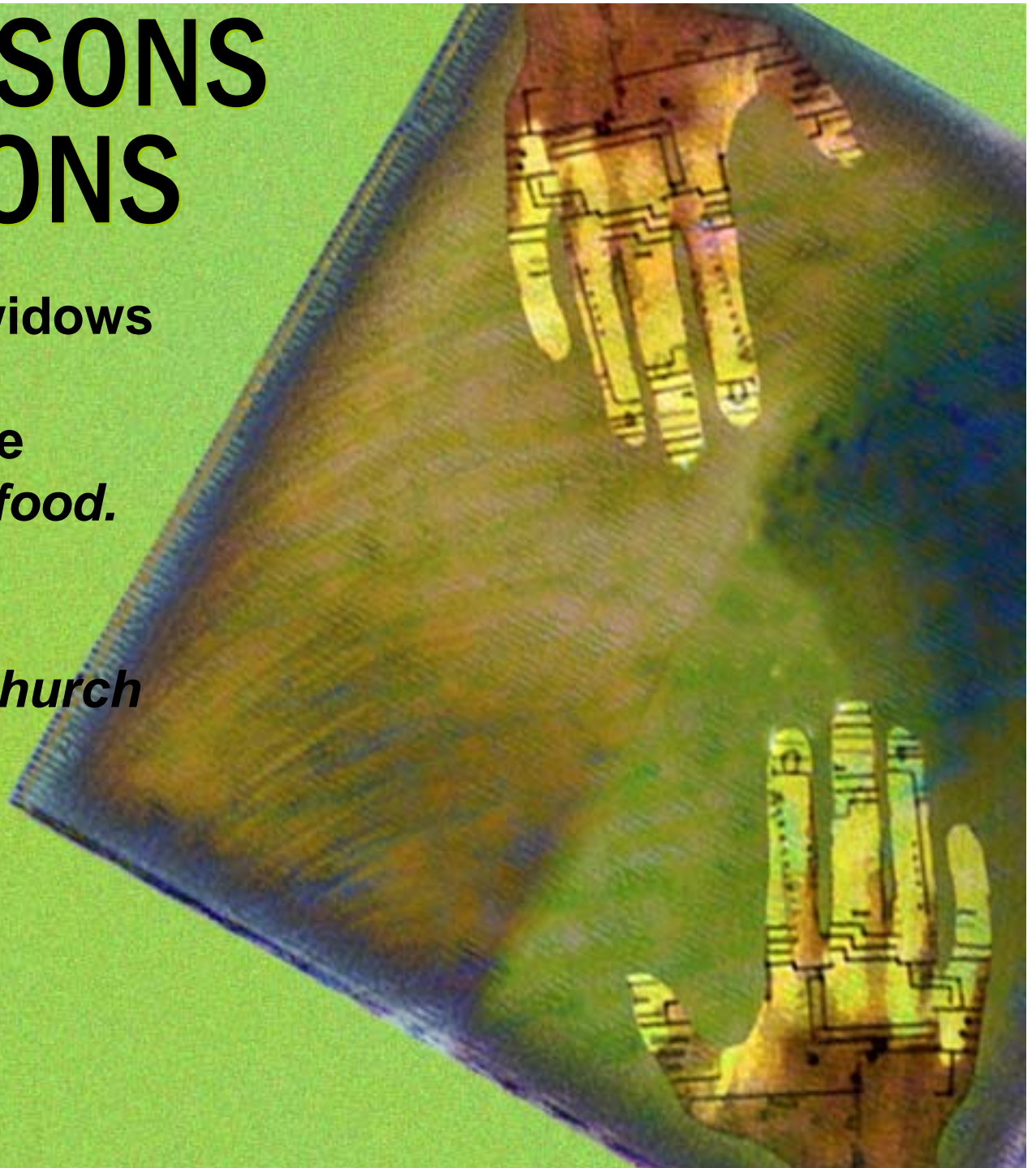
I. THE REASONS FOR DEACONS

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A. Servitude

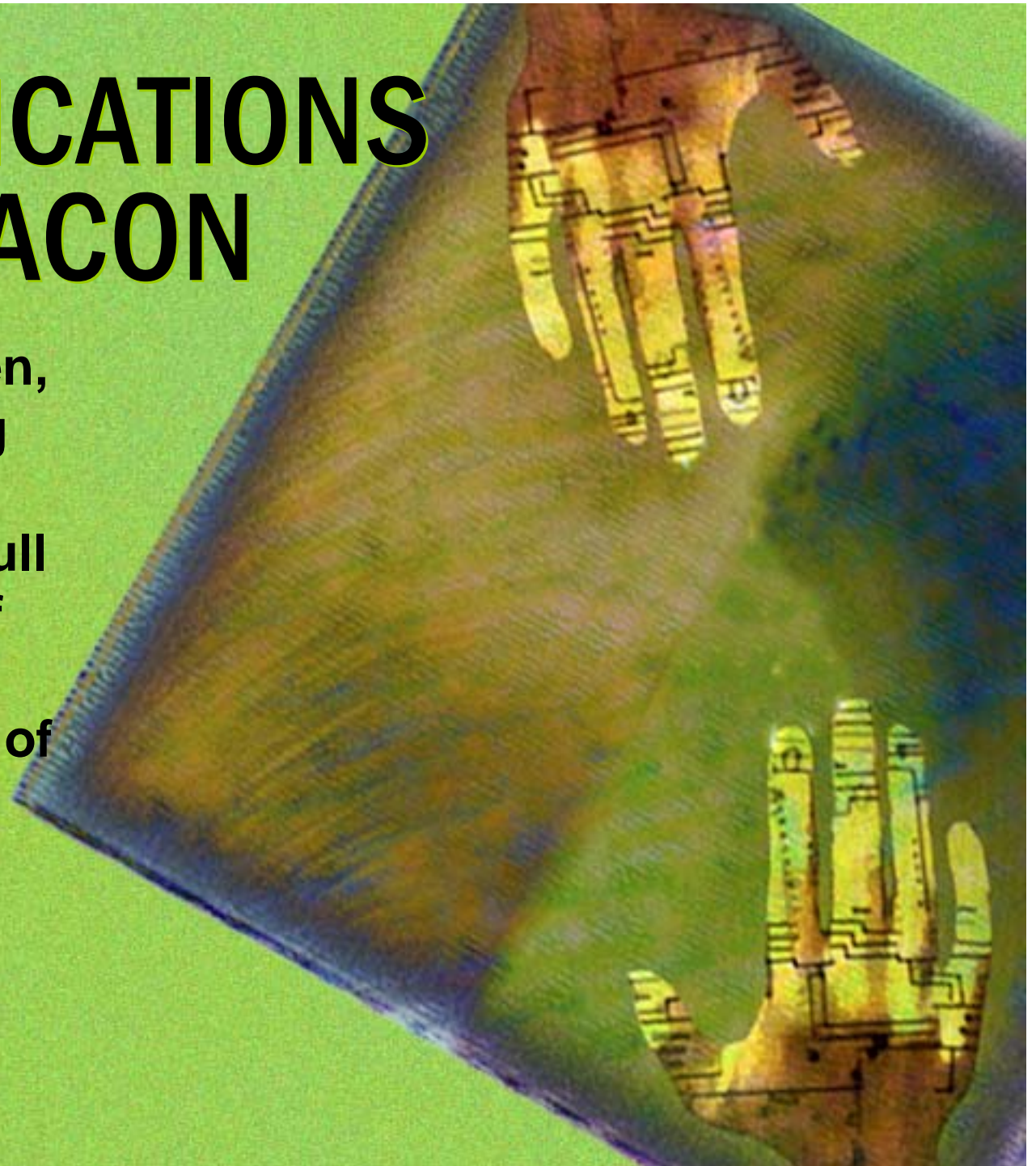
B. To Protect the Church

C. Ministries



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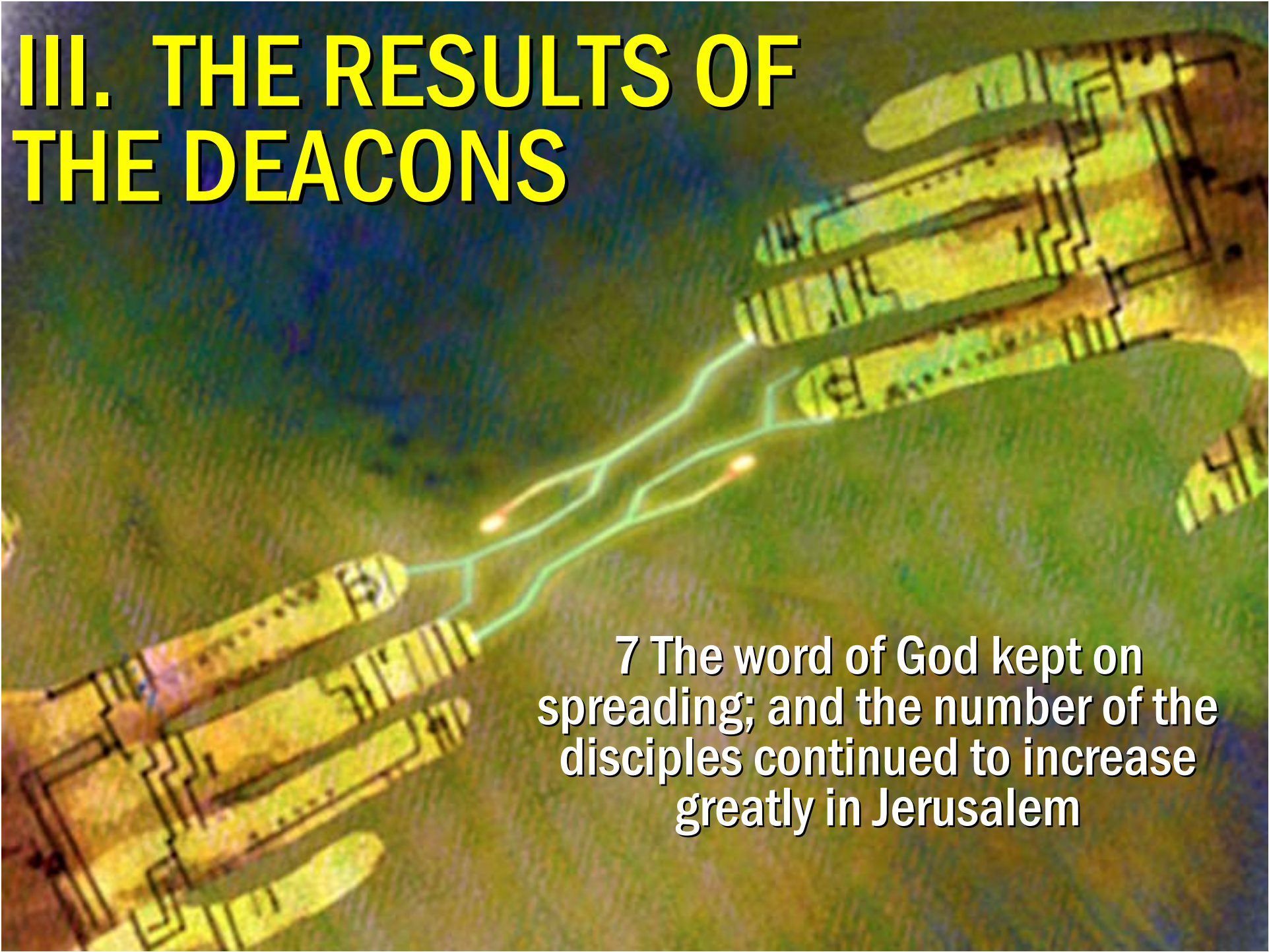
A. Good reputation

B. Full of the Spirit

C. Able to discern

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III. THE RESULTS OF THE DEACONS

A painting of a hand holding a scroll. The hand is rendered in shades of green and yellow, with a glowing light trail emanating from the scroll. The background is a dark, textured blue and green. The overall style is reminiscent of a religious or historical illustration.

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**We now lay hands
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