



## **“Lessons In Ministry: The Stories Of Stephen & Philip”**

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### **How Do We Unleash The Full Potential Of Our Church For Serving God?**

I. The Church must give God’s people \_\_\_\_\_  
to shine.

1. Stephen and Philip’s opportunity arose because of a problem.  
How did the apostles respond to the problem?
  - They didn’t have a \_\_\_\_\_ with there being a problem.
  - They saw the problem as an opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - They believed in their \_\_\_\_\_ to help find a solution.
2. The book of Acts is often called the *Acts Of The Apostles*. But Acts 6-8 shows that’s not accurate. Why?

II. The Church must then \_\_\_\_\_ God’s people  
for ministry. The story suggests two ways to do this:

1. You train your people for the specific \_\_\_\_\_  
they’ll be taking on.
  - a. Stephen and Philip and the other five weren’t just put  
in this ministry and told, “Good luck!” There were signs  
of an existing structure here that included...

2. You also train your people for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. What qualifications were being looked for in the men?
  - b. It’s not solely on the Church’s shoulders to provide this  
training. Where else we get it?

III. Say yes to the opportunities (be \_\_\_\_\_.)  
Receive the training (be \_\_\_\_\_.) Then  
embrace whatever story the Lord writes for your life (be  
\_\_\_\_\_.)

1. What happens with the rest of Stephen’s story?
2. What happens with the rest of Philip’s story?
3. Some observations:

Everything that Stephen and Philip did happened because they were...

The only one standing in your way, keeping you from serving God is...

I should only be concerned with being faithful to God, and not worry about  
things like...