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(value of X hopefully less than 9 minutes)

Access to Scripture knowledge, and a deep understanding of the Bible

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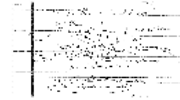
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Plurality of leadership
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"These seven men stood before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them."

Acts 6:5
"The list of the seven was Stephen, a man full of grace and power, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nymphodorus, a man who had a name of respect among the people."

4. Acting on truth not simplicity or ease

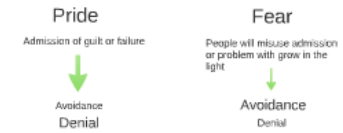
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"The apostles appointed Stephen to do this work, and they also appointed Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nymphodorus."



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"The number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly, and the priests were respecting the church because of Stephen's signs and wonders."



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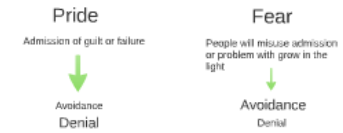
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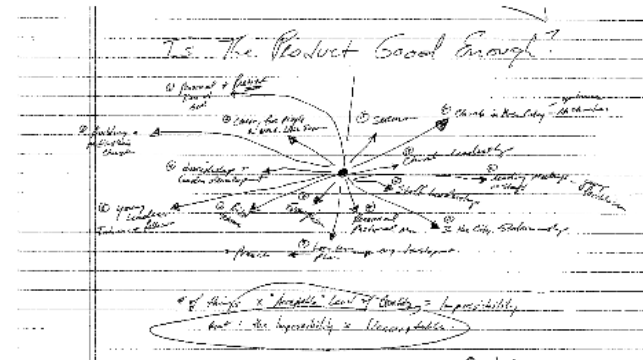
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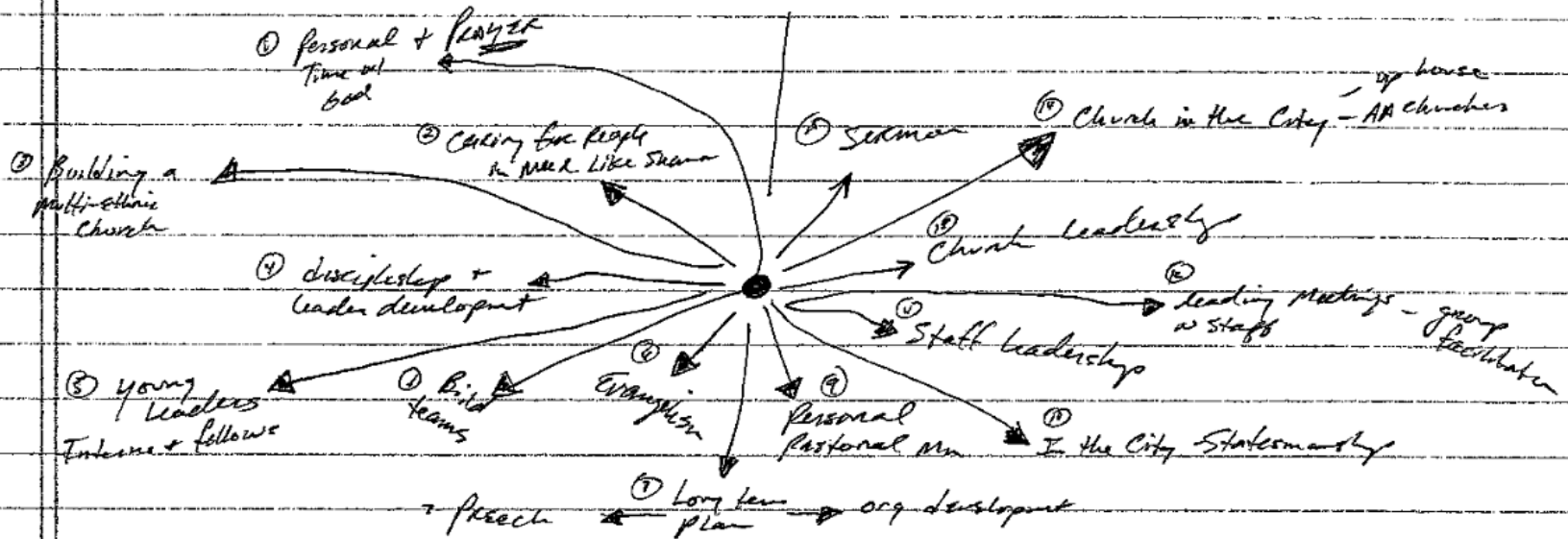
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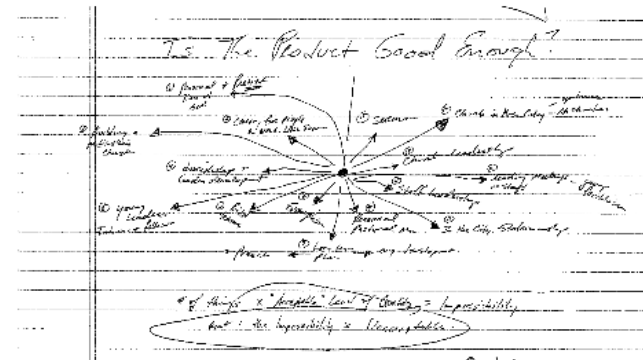
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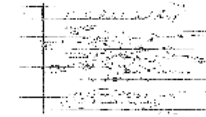
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