

Acts 6:1-7

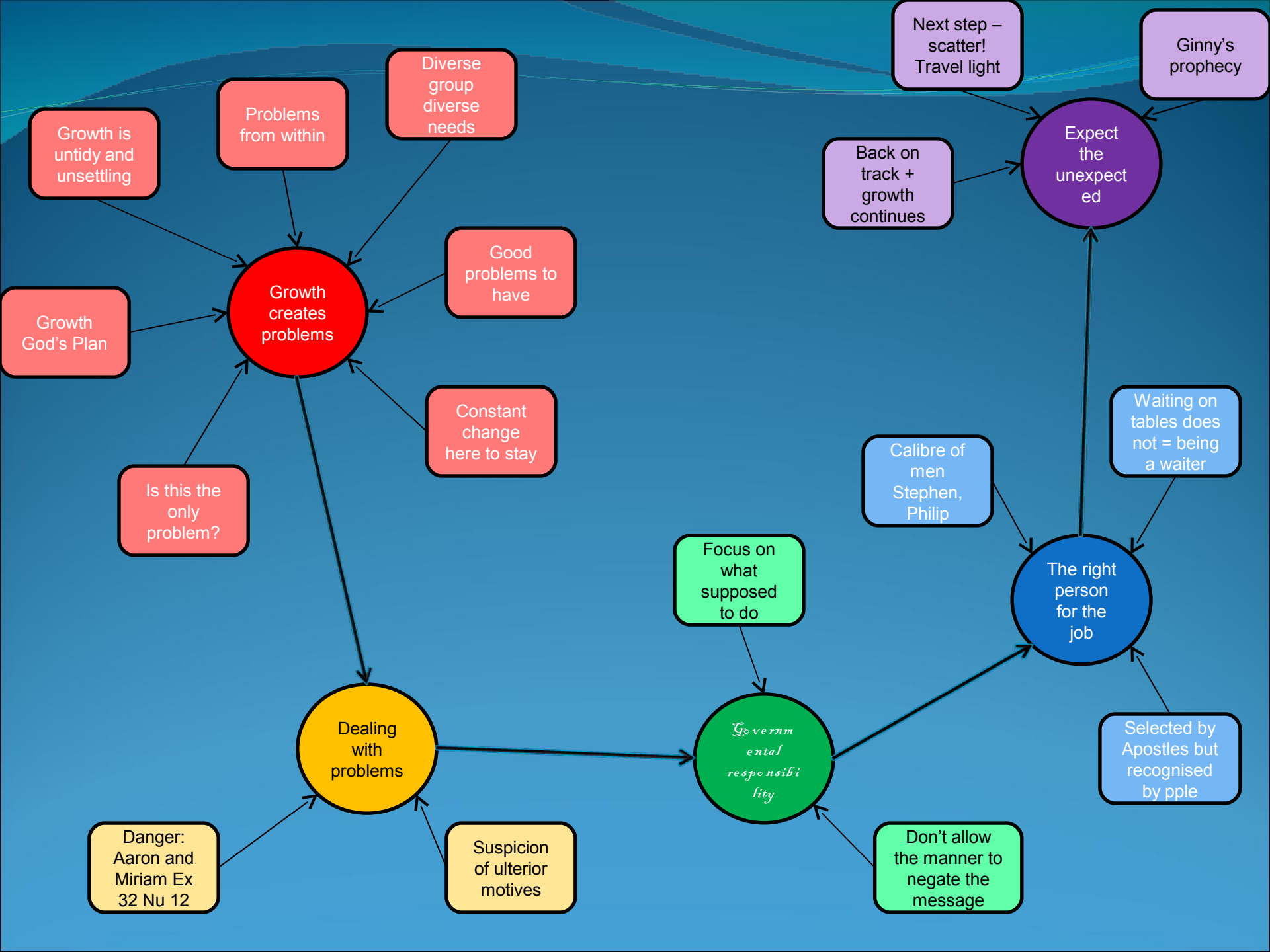
Challenges of growth
Parallels for our time

Main flow of ideas

- Growth leads to problems from within
- We need to accept there will be problems but we have to deal with them in the right way
- It is the responsibility for those with governmental authority to resolve those problems through wise decisions and delegation to godly individuals
- Having administrated well, we still need to be prepared for the unexpected as God may throw everything up in the air again

Some questions for consideration with this passage:

- Can we draw comparisons between this passage and today's local church?
- Was this the only problem to arise?
- Is it wrong to complain about the church?
- Did administrating effectively solve all problems?
- Is it a leadership responsibility to write the coffee rota?
- Does appointment to overseeing or administrative role limit your ministry?



Growth creates problems

Growth is untidy and unsettling

Problems from within

Diverse group diverse needs

Good problems to have

Constant change here to stay

Is this the only problem?

Growth God's Plan

Dealing with problems

Danger: Aaron and Miriam Ex 32 Nu 12

Suspicion of ulterior motives

Focus on what supposed to do

*G*overnmental
*r*esponsibility

Don't allow the manner to negate the message

The right person for the job

Calibre of men Stephen, Philip

Waiting on tables does not = being a waiter

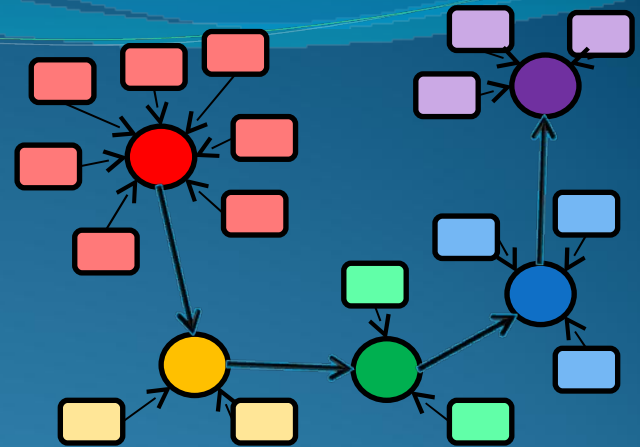
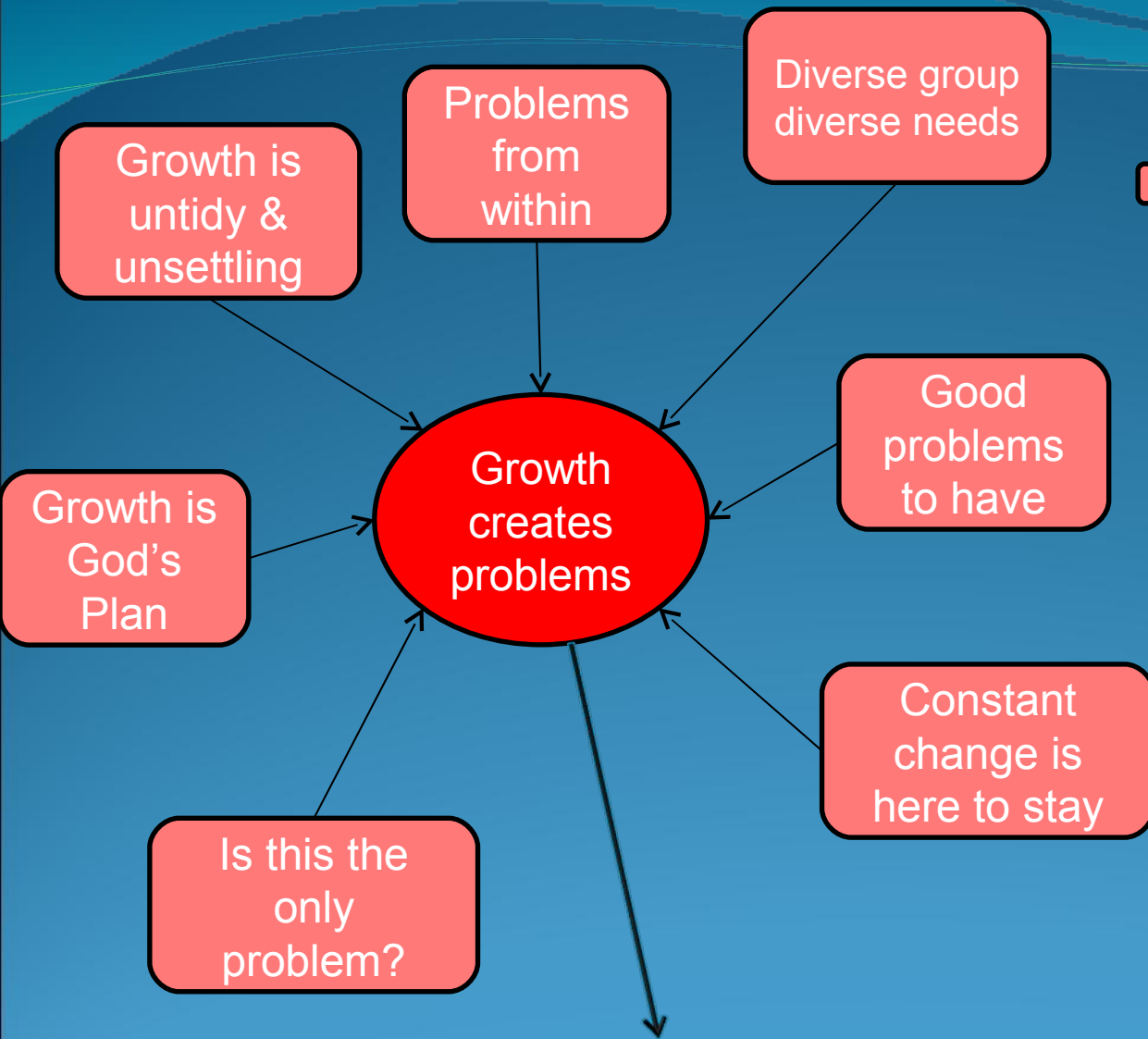
Selected by Apostles but recognised by pple

Expect the unexpected

Next step - scatter! Travel light

Ginny's prophecy

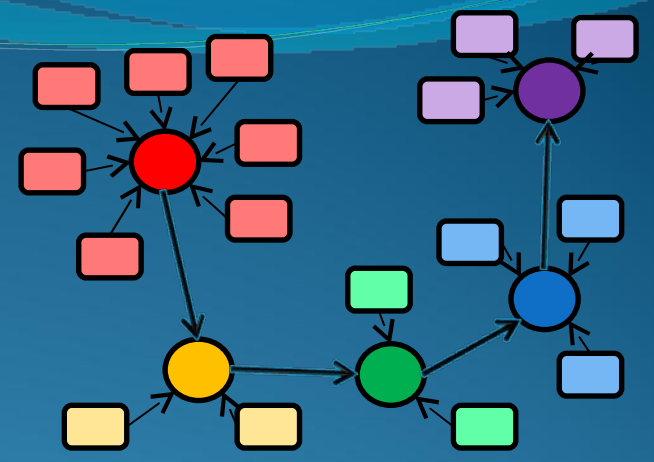
Back on track + growth continues

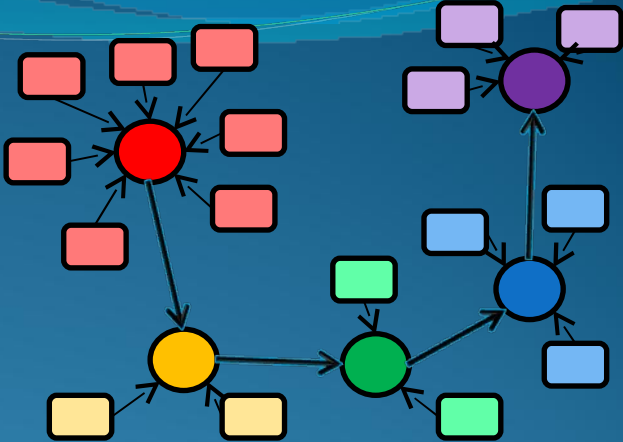




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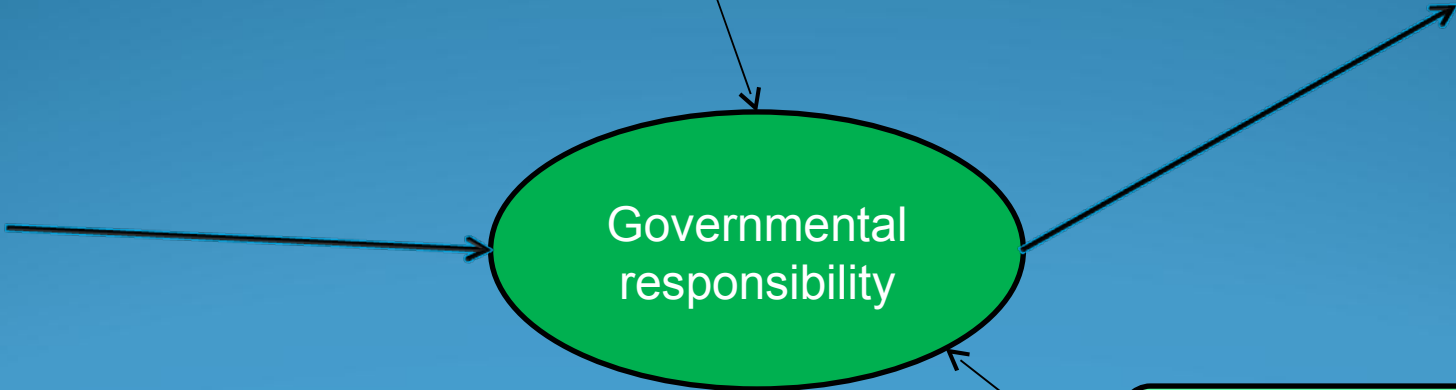


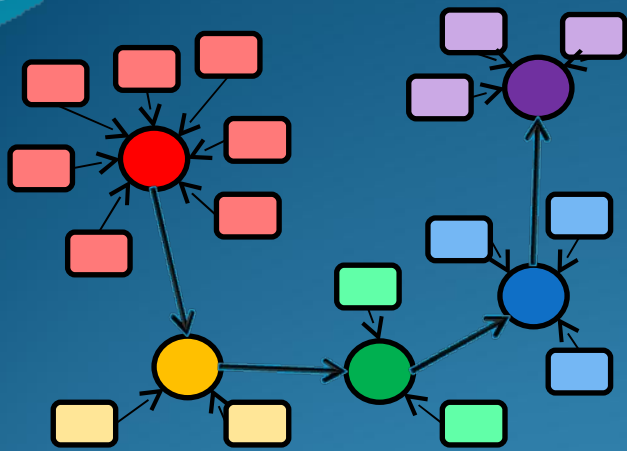


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Governmental responsibility

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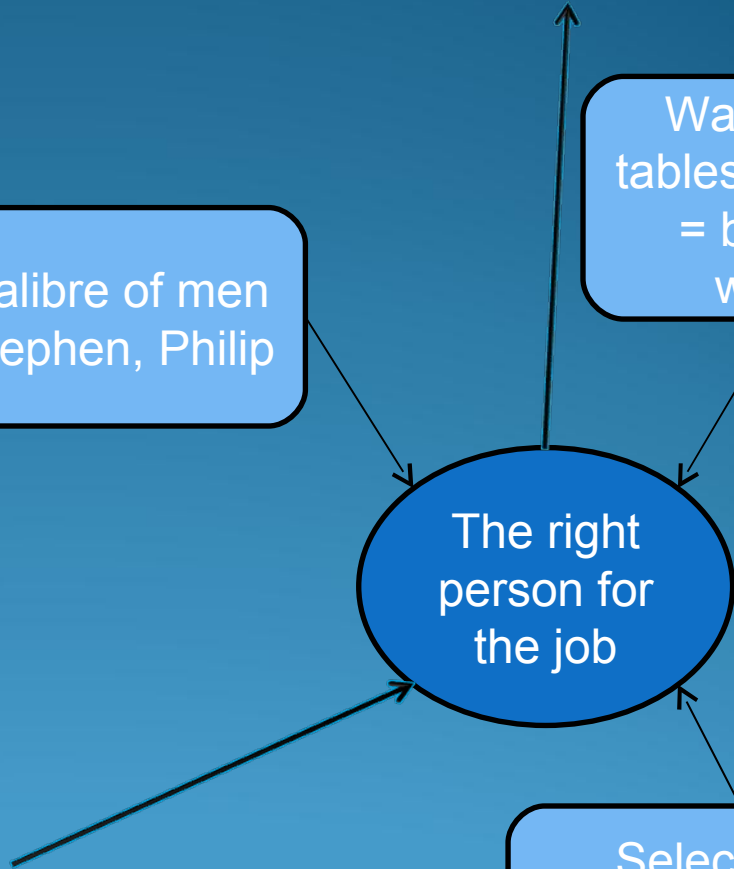


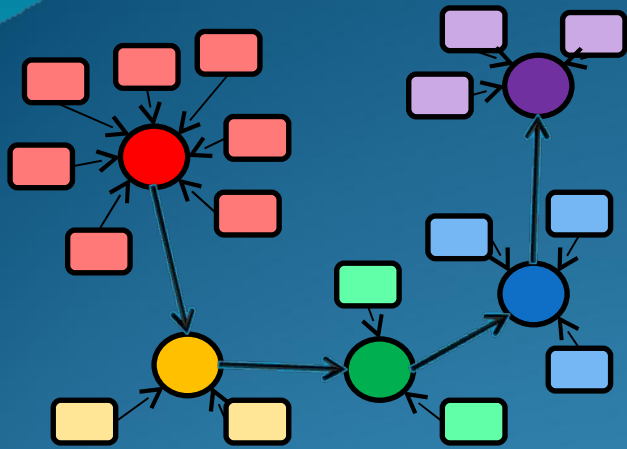
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In yet a little while I will shake the heavens and the earth and only the good will remain. This is spoken so that you will know that what cannot be shaken will stand. A shaking is coming - that which is unprecedented happens. More unprecedented things will happen in Government and in the heavens - that which has not been seen in your lifetime before. The way that you have known church will change - it will be as I want it - as you are flung into the arena. I am for you and with you but I speak to you at a time of shaking to come - but that it will be a time for the church to rise up - provision will come - meeting rooms will be provided, buildings, finances. Spirit and Word will become meshed together. I will build my church and nothing will prevail against it. I will build you in your faith. The squeezing feeling is so that release can come. This is not a day for the old to retreat. There will be no batons handed over. I have mountains for many Calebs.