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4. The crisis posed serious consequences
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 - B. They would be diverted from the Word and prayer.

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2. They delegated responsibility
3. They depended on others to do the work

III. Maintain the Right Priorities

1. The Ministry of the Word
2. Prayer

IV. Measure the Progress

1. The people were pleased
2. The Word of God spread
3. The church continued to grow

Lessons to be learned:

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4. Be prepared to be a part of the solution
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