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The Desires of A Deacon

DEACON (The Greek word diakonos means “servant”)

A. Responsibilities of Deacons

Deacons have responsibility for certain well defined task in the ministering to the physical needs of the membership each local church. Their duties are carried out in order to free the pastor’s time to be devoted to his primary responsibilities of spiritual oversight, prayer, and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:1-7). The deacons and pastor work in close relationship with each other, thus covering the needs of the church physically (deacons) and spiritually (pastor). The deacon is to be the servant to the families within the local church. Each person being faithful to his God assigned role in these two offices produces a healthy, unified, evangelistic church, for the glory of God.

B. Qualifications for Deacons (10 Fold) I Timothy 3:8-12

1. **Man of Dignity**-lifestyle elicits the respect of others. vs. 8
2. **Not Double Tongued**-does not spread stories that cause strife-true or not vs. 8
3. **Not Addicted to Wine**-not controlled but free from alcohol vs. 8
4. **Not Fond of Sordid**-not greedy for power, possessions, or position Gain vs. 8
5. **Holds the Mystery of Faith with a clear conscience**-faithful to the Word vs. 9
6. **Tested**-proven before hand he is the man for the job vs. 10
7. **Beyond Reproach**-free from questionable activities vs. 10
8. **Husband of Faithful Wife**-measurement of his leadership in the home vs. 11
9. **Husband of One Wife**-only one wife and faithful to her vs. 12
10. **Good Manager of Household**-able to minister to needs of family vs. 12

C. Reasons for Deacons (Acts 6:1-2)

1. The Numbers were too incredible (1a)
2. The Needs were too involved (1b)
3. The Necessities were too instrumental (2)

D. Results of Deacons (Acts 6:3-7)

1. They were organized (3-4)
2. They were testified (5-6)
3. They were multiplied (7)