

I. THE CHURCH IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

That was Purchased by the
BLOOD OF CHRIST
(Acts 20:28)

HAD DEACONS

(Phil 1:1)

II. There Are Biblical Qualifications

1 Tim 3:8 -12

Respected

Honest

Not an Addict

Financially Ethical

A Faithful Christian

Married with Children

A Godly Christian Wife

Good Family Managers

Tested and Trusted

2 Tim 3:16 ALL

Scripture is
inspired by

God

III. THE WORK OF A DEACON

Word Deacon [*Gr Di-ak-i-nos*] means – “**SERVANT**”



Chosen Servants make it possible for the Church to run smoothly. Acts 6:3

Worship: Choose willing. Check who's appropriate.

Treasurer: Deposit funds, Pay bills, Accounting, IRS.

Bldg Maint: Paint, Upkeep, Repair. Arrange crews.

Grounds: Maintain, Clean, Improve, Safety issues.

Dozens of other things: Directory, Supplies, Classes...

IV. THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

***ELDERS GUARD ALL THE
FLOCK*** (Acts 20:28a)



Deacon



***Spirit-Made
Overseers***



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***Deacons Serve
the Elders
in Serving
The Church***

This CHURCH **CHOSE** Qualified Men



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Leaders formally **SET THEM IN PLACE.**



Acts 6:3 “Whom we may put in charge of this task”
v.6 “After praying they **laid hands on them.**” NASV

Acts 13:3 “**Laid hands** on them & sent them away.”
Paul already had the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17)

**Greek ‘Ka-this-te-mi’ Designate, Appoint, Put in charge,
to Ordain to an office. (Mat 24:45)**

VI. DEACONS THROUGH THE CENTURIES!

Paul AD 50, “To all the saints in Christ Jesus along with the overseers & **deacons**.” (Phil 1:1) NIV

Ignatius AD 100, “Let all **reverence** the deacons as an appointment of Jesus Christ.” (Trallians 3.1)

Apostolic Constitutions: AD 300's; “It is your duty who are deacons to **visit** all those who stand in need of visitation.” (3.19)

Clement AD 400, “Let the deacons ...**find out** those who are suffering...visit & supply wants.” (Epistle to James, Duties of Deacons ch 12)

VII. Consider This Moment

- A. Appointing is something we do to *confirm* that from *this instant forward that he is responsible for a task.*
- B. In NT it was represented by the *laying on of hands* (Acts 6:3, 6) “Put in charge of this task.. laid hands on..”
- C. This is not a moment to be taken lightly. If he serves well—he obtains *a high standing.* (1 Tim 3:13)
- D. They take the burden off the elders... They do the details without reward, just *for love of the Lord.*
- E. They do a ton of work that goes on *without notice.*
We come everything is organized & flows smoothly.

THE NEW MEN YOU SELECTED WILL NOW BE APPOINTED:

- 1. Paul asks for the congregation's commitment.**
- 2. Rocky Wells will speak of both Jeff and Larry.**
- 3. Rocky will then lead congregation in prayer.**
- 4. Jeff & Larry come forward; accept their commitment & have hands laid on them.**
- 5. Larry and Jeff speak to the church.**
- 6. Paul's Final Directions.**
- 7. Closing Prayer.**