

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

# HAD DEACONS

(Phil 1H1)

# 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



### III. THE WORK OF A DEACON

Word Deacon [Gr Di-ak-i-nos] means — "SERVANT"



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

**Worship:** Choose willing. Check who's appropriate.

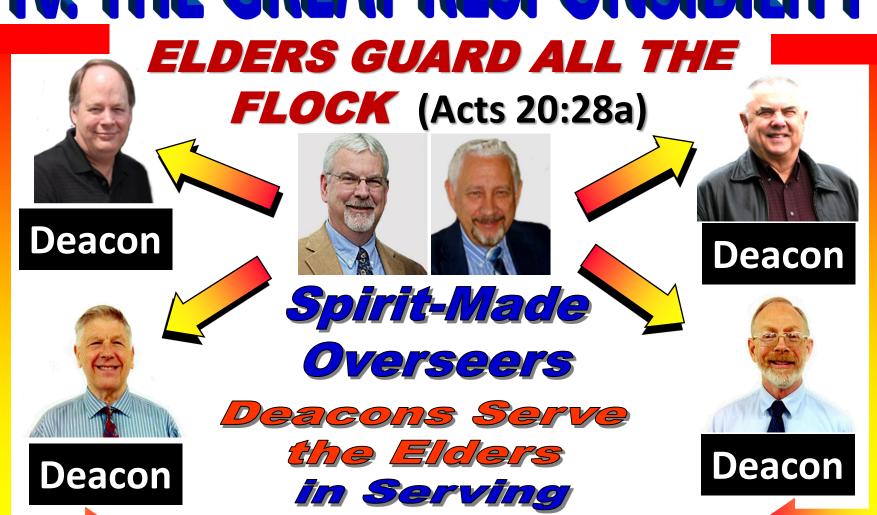
Treasurer: Deposit funds, Pay bills, Accounting, IRS.

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

**Grounds**: Maintain, Clean, Improve, Safety issues.

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

### IV. THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY



The Church

#### This CHURCH CHOSE Qualified Men













Deacon

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)

### VL DEACONS THROUGH THE CENTURIES!

**Paul AD 50**, "To all the saints in Christ Jesus along with the overseers & deacons." (Phil 1:1) N/V

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 MEM YOU SELECTED AND MILL NOW BEAPPOINTED:

- 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.