

# "Servants of the Church"

Introduction: The Word "deacon" means "one who serves, or ministers, one who executes the commands of another, especially of a master."

## I. How, or In What Respect, are the Deacons Servants of the Church?

A. Caring for the poor and needy - Acts. 6 Gal. 1:5:13, "By love serve one another."

B. Carrying out the instructions and decisions of the church.

C. Serving as assistant pastor.

## II. What are the Necessary Qualifications for Effective Service? I Tim. 3:8-13

Dr. P. E. Burroughs, in Honoring the Deaconship:

A. Spiritual Requirements

1. "Full of the Holy spirit"
2. "Full of wisdom"
3. "Full of faith"

B. Moral Qualifications

1. "gravity" - a man who counts
2. Right in regard to speech - "not double-tongued"
3. Right in regard to strong drink
4. Right in regard to money

C. Doctrinal Qualifications

1. Know and understand the doctrines of the gospel of Christ
2. Understand the distinctive teachings

D. Personal Qualifications

1. The husband of one wife
2. Ruling well his own children & his own home.

### III. The Reward of the Deacon's Service.

A. He is glad to serve even if there were no reward; but God is gracious and always rewards His faithful servants.

B. V. 13, "They that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

C. Mt. 25:21, "Good & faithful servant."

D. Jno. 12:26, "If any man serve me him will my Father honor."

God's love is not as some sweet perfume, poured in dainty drops from a golden vial. It is not like the musical water drops of some slender rill, murmuring down the dark sides of a sloping hill. It is as wide as the whole scope of heaven. It is as abundant as all the air, sufficient as the sunlight.