

"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. 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. C. 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 of their own denomination
- D. Personal Qualifications
 1. The husband of one wife
 2. Ruling well his own children & his own home.

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 hōnor."

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.