

Foundational Study For The Role of Deacons
Acts 6:1-7

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1. How do you handle people problems? Typical responses: 1) Ignore it and maybe it will go away. 2) Find someone to blame. 3) Try to resolve the problem.
2. This is what the early church was going through in Acts 6.
3. This is God's way of saying He trusts us. (**Matthew 25:28-30**)

I. Who Are The Deacons?

- A. Deacons are Servants.
 1. **1 Timothy 3:13, "Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus."**
- B. Deacons are Spiritual Men.
- C. Deacons are to serve as Examples.
- D. Deacons are Leaders.

II. The Need For Deacons. (Acts 6:1-2, 4)

- A. Men were chosen to serve because the Church was growing.
- B. Deacons were needed because the Church was experiencing growing pains.
- C. Deacons were needed because the Apostles knew their Priorities.

III. The Selection of Deacons. (Acts 6:3, 5)

- A. The Apostles determined the qualifications for these servants (**v. 3**).
 1. The first servants were BELIEVERS.
 2. The first servants were REPUTABLE.
 3. The first servants were SPIRIT-FILLED.
 4. The first servants were WISE.
 5. The first servants were CAPABLE.
 6. The first servants were COMPATIBLE.
- B. The Church's approval of these servants (**v. 5**).

IV. The ORDINATION of Deacons. (Acts 6:6)

- A. The candidates were "presented to the apostles."
- B. The Apostles "prayed and laid their hands on them."

V. The BENEFITS of Deacons. (Acts 6:7)

- A. First, the word of God spread.
- B. Second, the Church continued to grow.