

Those Who Serve Well
1 Timothy 3:8-10, 13

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1. Sometimes it's good when churches have certain problems. Churches can experience growing pains.
2. This is what the early church was going through in Acts 6.
3. In Acts 6 we see that the apostles have a serious problem.
4. As we add new deacons today, let's examine the subject.

I. What Do Deacons Look Like?

- A. Deacons are to be servants.
 1. **“Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.”**
1 Timothy 3:13
- B. Deacons are to be spiritual men.
- C. Deacons are to be examples.
 1. **“found blameless.” 1 Timothy 3:10**
- D. Deacons are leaders.

II. The Need For Deacons. (Acts 6:1-2, 4) “The number of disciples was increasing.”

- A. Men were chosen to serve because the Church was growing.
- B. Deacons were needed because the Church was experiencing turmoil.
(Acts 6:1)
- C. Deacons were needed because the Apostles knew their priorities.
(Acts 6:2-4)
 1. **“So the Twelve said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.”**
(v. 2)
 2. **“Will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” (v. 4)**

III. The Designation Of Deacons. (Acts 6:6) “They presented these men.”

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

IV. The Results Of Deacons. (Acts 6:7) “The word of God spread.”

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