

Deacons

Text: But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. (Acts 6:3)

Intro:

I. The Problem

Deuteronomy 15:4, 11

Hellenist Jews & Palestinian Jews

Widows

II. The Solution

Deacons

Greeks

III. Deaconesses

- I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant [deacon] of the church which is at Cenchrea; (Romans 16:1)
- For I say that Christ has become a servant [deacon] to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, (Romans 15:8)
- Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued... (1 Timothy 3:8)
- In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant [deacon] of Christ Jesus... (1 Timothy 4:6)

1 Timothy 3:11

IV. Observations:

First: the church and its poor

Second: the process (Acts 6:3-5)

Third: Prayer (Acts 6:4, 6)

Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Fourth: Ministry of mercy

men of dignity, not double-tongued, addicted to much wine, not greedy for money

Stephen & Philip

Fifth: Jesus (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Sixth: Reward (1 Timothy 3:13)