

## **I. WHAT IS A DEACON?**

### **A. SERVANT**

*1. one who does the will of another* (Acts 4:25 & 13:22; see Ex.4:23; Is.41:8; 2K.9:7; 18:12; Ex.28:41)

*2. one who meets the needs of others* (Acts 6:1,2; 4; see Gal.5:13; 1Pt.4:10,11)

**B. JESUS: THE CHIEF DEACON** (1Pt.5:4; Eph.4:11 /Lk4:18; Acts10:38 /Is41:8,9; 42:1;etc.; Jn8:29; Hb2:13)

**C. DEACONS** (Acts 6:1f; see Rom.16:1)

**D. W/ ELDERS** (Acts 6:2,4,7; Phil.1:1; see Eph.2:1f,10; Jms.2:14f,26; 1Jn.3:18; see Jn.6:1f&35f; 9:5&6f)

**E. W/ MEMBERS** (Mt.22:37f /Tt1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14 /Gal.5:13; 6:10; Eph4:11f; 16; 1Pt4:10,11; 1C8-10(9:20f)&11-14)

## **II. WHAT IS ORDINATION & INSTALLATION?**

**A. DESIGNATION BY GOD FOR PARTICULAR SERVICE IN PARTICULAR PLACE** (1K.19:16)

**B. ORDINATION: POWER & AUTHORITY** (Lk.3:22; 4:18; Mt.28:18; see Num.27:19,20; 1Tm.4:14; 2Tm.1:6)

**C. INSTALLATION: PLACE** (1Kngs.19:16; Acts 6:1f; Gal.2:7f; Phil.1:1; Tt.1:5; Acts 14:23; 20:17; 2C.10:13f)

**D. MEANS: HANDS & PRAYER** (Num.27:18; Acts 13:3; 14:23(Lk.3:21f; 4:1f); 1Tm.4:14; 5:22; 2Tm.1:6 /Gn48:15f)

**E. BAPTISM AS AN ORDINATION & INSTALLATION** (Lk.3:21f; 4:18; Lev.8-10; see Eph.4:12,16; 1Pt.4:10,11; Acts 2:38; 4:29f)

## **III. WHAT DO THESE THINGS MEAN FOR US?**

**A. THE LORD CARES FOR OUR WHOLE SOUL** (Acts 6:1-7; see Gen.2:7; Rom.6:4f; 7:22; 8:23)

**B. ASK FOR WHAT YOU NEED** (Acts 6:1f; see Mt.7:7f; 1Cor.6:1f)

**C. SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEACONS WITH YOUR ALMS & PRAYERS**  
(Acts 6:1f; see 4:35; 10:2,4,31; 11:29; 1Cor.16:2)

**D. PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF SERVICE WITH YOUR TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**  
(Acts 6:1,5; see 1Pt.4:10,11; Acts 3:6; 2Cor.8:9-15; 9:5f; Lk.12:33f; 1Tm.6:17f)

**E. PURSUE A REPUTATION FOR SERVICE** (Acts 6:7,1f; Gal.6:10(Rom.1:16); Jn.13:34,35; Tt.1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14; see Lk.17:17; Jn.6:26; see Is.62:6,7; 2)

*Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)*