

Deacons in Christ's Church

1 Timothy 3:8-13; cf. Acts 6:1-7

- 1) The deacons: *waiters* at the table of service
- 2) Principles for deacons found in Acts 6:1-7
 - a) As the church grows, so does its need for deacons
 - b) Deacons aid the pastors who preach & pray
 - c) Their service maintains the church's health
 - i) Men from within the church
 - ii) Having a good reputation
 - iii) Being full of the Spirit & wisdom
- 3) Deacons are men of dignity, living out their faith consistently (3:8-13)
 - a) Not given to hypocrisy, alcohol, or love of money (8)
 - b) Holding firmly to the faith (9)
 - c) Tested through time & trials (10)
 - d) Faithful to family (12)
 - e) Receive a just reward for service (13)
- 4) Thoughts on deacons
 - a) Most churches have a large pool of men desiring to be elders. But deacons?
 - b) God uses the thankless service of deacons to further the gospel
 - c) Note the most unpopular areas of service in the church, and there you'll find the deacons
 - d) There are countless no-names in church history who served as deacons