

The Role and Ministry of the Deacon (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13)

- The deacon's ministry is the outflow of what all Christians are called to
- We are all called to be servants – for that is what the word means
- Scripture shows us such men are set aside for the important service
- There was trouble in the church, taking the apostles from essential work

I. The Context of the Office of Deacon

- Acts 6 the word deacon is not used, but first place in NT church we see it
- Other examples: men called to serve & bear the burden: Moses (Ex 18:21)
- Men chosen to help so the apostles can preach, teach & be given to prayer

II. The Qualifications of Deacons (1 Tim 3: 8-13)

1. Elder-like (v.8)
2. Informed Faith (v.9)
3. Living or vital faith (v.9)
4. Tested men (v.10)
5. Helpmeet(v.11)
6. Domesticated (v.12)

III. The Deacons' Reward (3:13)

- Deacons who "served well"
- Good standing
- Great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.