

## The New Testament Deacon

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- I. Distortions or Misrepresentations of the Deaconate.
  - a. Ruling Executives
  - b. Building or Property Managers
  - c. Daily operations of Church life.
  
- II. Role of the Biblical Deacon.
  - a. Care for the poor
  - b. Care for the needy
  
- III. Appointment of Deacons
  - a. Acts 2:43-47
  - b. Acts 4:32-35
  - c. Acts 6:1
  - d. Acts 6:2-4
  
- IV. Biblical Qualifications of Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-10)
  - a. Men of Dignity
  - b. Not Untrustworthy in what he says
    - i. Double-Tongued
  - c. Not a drunkard
    - i. Addicted to much wine.
      1. 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:9-10
      2. Galatians 5:21
      3. Ephesians 5:18
      4. 1 Peter 4:3
  - d. Not desiring financial reward.
    - i. Sordid gain
      1. Hebrews 13:5
  - e. A life that is consistent with biblical teaching.
    - i. Holding the mystery of the faith
  
- V. Identity of the New Testament Deacon
  - a. Collect money and goods for the needy
  - b. Distribute money and goods to the needy
  - c. Ensure that the distribution of money and goods is done justly and fairly
  - d. Coordinate the Church's charitable services to the needy.