
The New Testament Deacon

- I. Distortions or Misrepresentations of the Diaconate.
 - 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.