

God's Appointed Servants: Deacons



1 Timothy 3:8-13 . Dr. Steve Hereford, Pastor-Teacher

The Meaning of the Term “Deacon”

- There Are Three Words Used in the NT that Refer to Deacons
- These Three Words Have a Wide Variety of Meanings but in General They Refer to Any Kind of Service that Supplies the Need of Another Person
- Deacons Are Servants Not Elders

The Existence of Deacons in the NT

- There is No Information Given in the NT that Speaks of the Function of Deacons Except the Term Itself
- The Only Information that is Given Are the Qualifications for the Office
- Acts 6 is Not Referring to Deacons

The Qualifications of Deacons

- The Use of the Word *Likewise*
- Deacons Who Are Men
 - Reverent
 - Not double-tongued
 - Not given to much wine
 - Not greedy for money
 - Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience

The Qualifications of Deacons

- Blameless
- Husband of one wife
- Ruling their children and houses well

The Qualifications of Deacons

- Deacons Who Are Women
 - Reverent
 - Not slanderers
 - Temperate
 - Faithful in all things
- Both Groups