

Review:

I. There are Two on going Offices in the Church...Deacons and Elders...

A. Our confession of faith Chapter 26, para. 8

B. The Biblical Warrant...

1. Paul's instructions to Timothy see *I Timothy 3:1-12 cf. vs. 14-15*

2. Paul's greeting to the Philippian church...

II. Deacons: What Are They...

A. Servants...

The word deacon is from the Greek "diakonos" and it is usually translated as servant in the New Testament, see:

Matthew 20:28; 23:11; Luke 22:26; John 12:26; Acts 19:22

B. Paul was a "diakonos" (servant...) II Corinthians 3:6; Colossians 1:23, 24;

Lesson:

III. Deacons: How they are to Serve...

Acts 6:1-7 is critical to our understanding especially, vs. 4...

Observations:

- 1.
- 2.

A. We Should not Take the Office of Deacon Lightly...

1. The work, while it is generally of a practical and physical nature is still spiritual...
2. Consider the first deacons selected...

IV. Deacons: Some Specifics Relating to Their Service in the Church...

They are to:

A. Help the elders...

B. See to basic and material needs of the people...

C. Be on the ready to step in during a time of crisis...

D. Screen requests from outside...

E. Greet and welcome visitors...

Lesson: Deacons have an important role to fill...

Observations:

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- 3.