

Deacons Lesson#4

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Text: Acts 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, **full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business.

Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: [7] Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

1. The duties of a Deacon;— No scripture gives a certain list of the duties of a deacon; But could be different from location to location; But the job description remains the same— servant.

2. Vital capacities, but not limited to, could be like these;

- Ministry to widows
 - Ministry to the needy
 - Altar counseling
 - New Member welcoming
 - Funerals
 - Serving the Lord's Table
 - Offering count
 - Administrative committees
 - Security watch
- Just to mention a few...

Of greater important would be the Relationships of Deacons.

1. **Your Relationship with the Pastor;**

Relationships between the pastor and the deacon should be special. After all he is to be a help to the pastor above all.

2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

2. **Your relationship with the Lord.**

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

a. This is a continual daily proses; “As ye have therefore received the Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

1. A personnel ,daily walk
2. A Spirit-filled walk (Acts 6:3)

3. **Your Relationship with the Lost.**

a. Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

b. Always maintaining your testimony. — 1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

4. Your Relationship with the Church Family.

Deacons should develop godly relationships with the church members to encourage them in their spiritual growth.

a. Serve them — Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Romans 15:1-2 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. [2] Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

b. Set an Example for them.— John 13:12-17 (read).

c. Forgive them.— Deacons are often misunderstood and slandered. Deacons should choose, even before being wounded, that they will forgive. —Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

d. Be Humble with them.— Winston Churchill was once asked, “Doesn’t it thrill you to know that every time you make a speech, the hall is packed to overflowing?” “It’s quite flattering,” he replied, “but whenever I feel that way, I always remember that if instead of making a speech I was being hanged, the crowd would be twice as big.”

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Matthew 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

5. Your Relationship with your Wife.

Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:19; Be sensitive to her, 1 Peter 3:7; Lead her Ephesians 5:23. And 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Communicate with her. Ephesians 5: 28-31; this creates a strong marriage which is necessary for proper leadership in the Church.