

GOD'S DESIGN FOR DEACONSHIP

ACTS 6 : 1 - 7;

1 TIMOTHY 3 : 8 - 13

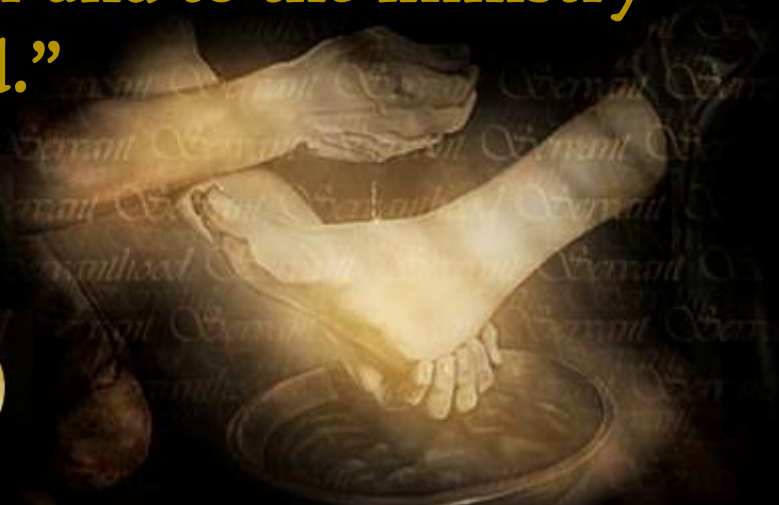


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Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

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And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 6 : 1 - 7



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Deacons are...

1. MEN OF SPECIAL CALLING

a. Calling to Alleviate Problems

b. Calling to Assist the Pastor

1. Problem facing the Men of God

2. Provision for the Men of God

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Deacons are...

2. MEN OF SPIRITUAL CHARACTER

a. The Beginning Characteristics

b. The Developed Characteristics

1. His Character

2. His Test

3. His Wife

4. His Home Life

5. His Reward

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Deacons are...

3. MEN OF SOUL-WINNING CONSCIENCE

a. The Boldness of Stephen

b. The Preaching of Philip

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