

DEACONS, PARTNERS IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Acts 6:1-8; 1 Timothy 3

Introduction: Most people need help sometime or other in their lives and often they have a "mentor." "Mentors" are people who are good at what they do and help others become better in the area that they (mentor) specialize in. God has placed "mentors" in His Church to help God's Children in various ways. Those "mentors" are called Deacons.

I. DEACONS MUST CONTINUE TO GROW SPIRITUALLY THEMSELVES

1. Deacons must continue to grow in Christ-likeness, to be a servant and to love Christ's Church.
2. Deacons must continue to grow in spiritual maturity and not stay "on the bottle."
3. Deacons must continue to grow in doctrinal soundness where they are not "tossed about."

II. DEACONS MUST BE MATURE

1. They must be mature in faith through constant obedience.
2. They must be mature in their fellowship with their Church Family.
3. They must be mature in worship, understanding what worship is supposed to be.
4. They must be mature in giving, tithing, supporting the Church's activities financially.
5. They must be mature in service, familiar with all areas of Church activity.

III. DEACONS MUST BE COMMITTED TO THE LORD AND THEIR CHURCH

1. Deacons must be committed to spiritual growth for themselves and for the Church family.
2. Deacons must be committed to being personally accountable in all areas of their lives.

CONCLUSION:

1. Next to the Pastor, Deacons are looked upon by the Church Family for leadership and example.
2. Deacons can minister to their Church Family in ways the pastor can't.
3. It was God's idea to have Deacons in the first place, therefore they are necessary.