



Introduction:

- Matthew 20:25-28
- Traditional thinking suggests that “Elders take care of all the spiritual things and deacons take care of all the physical things.”
- What do you think? Is that completely true? Some truth to it?
- What is the deacons’ work and what responsibilities do they have?

I. Church _____

- A. Philippians 1:1 – “To all the _____ in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the _____ and _____.”
- B. How many times is the word deacon found in scripture? _____
- C. What are the two passages that use that term? _____

II. Their _____ & It’s _____

- A. Define Deacon: _____
- B. Deacons are NOT:
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____

III. _____ of _____

- A. A deacon exemplifies the principle that consists of serving others rather than being served.
- B. Like the attitude and mindset of:
 - 1. Paul – 2 Corinthians 12:15
 - 2. Martha – Luke 10:40
- C. A deacon shouldn’t be _____ about the work entrusted to him as it defeats the purpose of the office.

IV. More Than Just “_____”

- A. A deacons desire to serve must be driven from love and concern for his brethren.
- B. Difference between pro-active and re-active? _____
- C. Deacons seek to serve the spiritual needs as well as the physical needs of the congregation. How? _____

Conclusion:

- “Those who have _____ well as _____ obtain for themselves a _____ standing and great _____ in the faith which is in _____ (1 Timothy 3:13)
- So you don’t want to be a deacon or aren’t able at this time
 - o Galatians 6:1-10
 - o Romans 16:1
- We have all been called and have committed to serving God by serving others
- Are we living up to that commitment?

