



SELECTING DEACONS

ACTS 6:3



DEFINING THE WORD

- The word for deacon is found over 100 times in the New Testament.
- While it is most often used in a general sense, there is clearly a technical usage (Phil. 1:1).
- Its original meaning would point to service at tables (Mk. 1:31; Lk. 10:40; Jn. 2:5-9; Acts 6:1).
- There is humility associated with the word (Mk. 10:43).
- It carries the idea of taking care of something (2 Cor. 8:19-20).
- We can be servants of the church without being official servants (Col. 1:7, 25; 4:7).



QUALIFICATION AND WORK

- It is clear that deacons operate under the oversight of the elders.
- Notice that the qualifications are spiritually oriented even when the work is physical.
- Consider some reasons for such high standards of qualifications.