

Another Faithful Deacon

Acts 8:5-25

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I. The Called

1. The Origin of the Office of Deacon

The deacons were chosen in order to f____ the elders to their calling of the “ministry of the Word and prayer...” (Act.6:1-5)

Stephen and Philip were not great servants of the church at Jerusalem because they were deacons. They were chosen to be deacons because they a_____ were servants of the church. (Act.6:1-5)

E_____ the Lord would have us do has a part in the ultimate goal of fulfilling the Great Commission He has given us. (Act.6:1-5)

2. The Meaning of the Term Deacon

The word “deacon” is a transliteration of the Greek word, “diakonis” which means “through d_____”.

The origin of the word comes from the fact that this kind of person is given over to s_____. They are seen through the d_____ of their labors.

3. The Broadness of the Term, Deacon

E_____ Christian is to be a deacon. (Gal.5:13; Mar.10:42-45)

When we love God in the way that we ought it will a_____ manifest itself in loving (serving) His people. (Gal.5:13-14; Joh.13:34-35; 1Jo.3:14,16-18)

4. The Spirit of the Deacon – the Spirit of the Kingdom

You cannot be g_____ in the Lord’s kingdom and not be a “deacon”. (Mar.10:37-45)

5. The Motivation of a Faithful Deacon

None of our service is to be for “vainglory”, but a___ for the glory of Christ and the g_____ of the church and others. (1Co.10:31; Phi.2:3-9; Mat.6:1-4; 5:16)

Each of us is to be a deacon where the L____ has put us and in whatever capacity H____ has given us to serve. (Col.3:17-24; Mat.5:14-16)

6. The Reward of a Faithful Deacon

The reward of faithful service is greater opportunity to s_____. (Luk.16:10-12)

Those who have ministered in the office of a deacon in a c_____ manner acquire a good standing and much confidence in the sphere of faith which is in Christ Jesus. (1Ti.3:12)

It is n___ what positions you have in life, but rather being f_____ with the opportunities that you have that counts. (Mat.25; Col.3:17-24)

Whose deacon (servant) are you? (Eph.2:2-3; Tit.3:3; Rom.6:16-18)

Which will you hear one day? “Well done thou good and faithful servant...” or, “Depart from Me...”