

## Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple Part 6 "Trusty Deacons"

### Intro/Review

- Ekklesia: Called out for a purpose – The gospel-make-disciples
- We are members of one another-a body, connected
- Membership formalizes and demonstrates membership in the body of Christ: accountability & involvement
- Everyone is gifted to work as part of the body-use it
- The Job of Elders is to lead spiritually, bringing us all closer to Jesus.

### What is a Deacon?

- "Diakonos": Servant, attendant, \_\_\_\_\_
- Help the elders in the \_\_\_\_\_ matters of church life
- Responsible for the day to day care and \_\_\_\_\_ of the church

Acts 6:1-7

- Grecian widows being overlooked.
- "Waiting Tables"? – The apostles needed help with details so they could be \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry

Exodus 18:13-26

- Jethro's model is the model for the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the work so Moses can focus on where he is needed.

### Identifying a Deacon

Spiritual leadership is not their primary responsibility, but they still need to be \_\_\_\_\_

## Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3

- Full of the Spirit/Wisdom - Controlled by Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ life
- Worthy of Respect - Good \_\_\_\_\_
- Sincere – Keeps His word, \_\_\_\_\_
- Not Alcoholic – What controls him?
- Not pursuing dishonest gain – \_\_\_\_\_
- Keeps Hold of truths of faith - Knows the word of God, knows what he \_\_\_\_\_
- Tested – Time to prove himself
- Home Life – First ministry is always to family
- Faithful in work – Does his job \_\_\_\_\_, given more responsibility

A \_\_\_\_\_ of life Vs. Qualifications

We don't choose people and hope it works out, we identify who God is \_\_\_\_\_ by observing their life.

### Where do you fit?

Do you have the heart of an Elder?

- You desire to help others \_\_\_\_\_ through teaching and council?
- May not be \_\_\_\_\_, "on the board" service.

Do you have the heart of a Deacon?

- You have a passion for \_\_\_\_\_ and service.
- Could be doing the job yourself or \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

Do you have gifts, \_\_\_\_\_, and talents that can be used for the Lord? Who would the deacons delegate if there was nobody to serve?

## Conclusion

- Acts 6:7 – “The Word of God \_\_\_\_\_”
- If the apostles had been distracted from their job, the word would not have gone out efficiently.
- Everything we do as a church should be to support the \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the community.
- Where do you \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_?