

BUILDING A CHURCH THAT LASTS

A study in the book of 1 Timothy

SERVANT CHECK

1 Timothy 3:8-13

THE DEACON'S PURPOSE

Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*.² So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables."³ "Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task."⁴ "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word" - Acts 6:1-4

"to serve tables" – literally "to _____"

*Deacons _____ the elders so that they can effectively _____ and minister the _____.

THE DEACON CHECKLIST

1. The _____ Of The Deacon – 1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12

* If you lose your _____ you lose your _____.

2. The Character Of The _____ ?

Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. - 1 Timothy 3:11

THE DEACON'S _____

1. _____

For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing . . . - 1 Timothy 3:13

"high standing" – *bathmos* = step or pedestal

2. _____

. . . and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. - 1 Timothy 3:13