

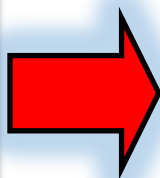
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Barnabas:

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- Encourager to _____ (4:36)
- Giver when not _____ (4:37)
- Defending those he _____ in (9:27; 15:36-40)
- Trusted _____ (11:21-23)
- Example of _____ (11:30; 13:42)

He had to leave the _____ to serve
 He put the _____ before self
 He had a deep _____ in the Lord



Deacons:

1 Timothy 3:8-13

The word "diakonos" means _____

- In the broad sense: _____ are servants (Mt 20:26,28; 23:11; 1 Cor 3:5)
- In a limited sense: _____ servants in the church (Phil 1:1)

Common misunderstandings about Deacons:

Elders deal with the _____
 and deacons the _____
 Deacons are _____
 to the eldership

- Deacons are trusted spiritual men who can be counted upon to do the work in the kingdom
- Their work is spiritual...serving others...helping people in the kingdom of God

Food for Thought:

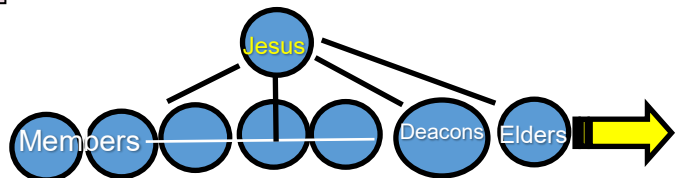
There were deacons in the first century (Phil 1:1)
 The early churches did not have church buildings (Rom 16:5)

What did the deacons do back then?

Acts 6:1-4 The seven were put _____ of taking care of the widows

1. 1 Timothy 3:8-13

- _____ (2,4,8,11)
- Character is _____: inside and out
- P_____ (10)
- They S_____ (10, 13)



2. The Queen of Sheba saw _____ servants of Solomon (1 Kings 10:1-5)

Happy servants view what they do as a _____ not a _____
 Happy servants are _____ by others
 Happy servants are glad to stand in the presence of the _____

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