

Two offices in N.T. Church. Pastor + Deacon.
Since the N.T. has only 2 offices in Church serious consideration should
be given to their selection.

I Meaning of Word =

1- Translators didn't translate it -

2. Meaning: Servant, helper,
verb = support, help someone, wait on someone
at a table.

3- Not originally an office of prestige or honor -
when one becomes deacon it means he's volunteering for
more work - looking pious not enough

② not a ruling board, not to run the church -
a man is not ordained to honor him - set apart to serve. not to exercise
authority.

the man who agrees to be a deacon agrees to be an example in all
the life of the church. a deacon should be as loyal in the program of
the church as is the preacher. Least: membership in all organizations
designed for him.

II Purpose of Deacon - Acts 6:

1- Free Pastor = So he can Preach + pray - Only 2
scriptural tasks of minister -
if it was needed with the single organization
then existing, how much more now!

2- Promote Church Harmony

George Truitt

"Can men participate in a church now or division in
church -

3- welfare of membership

III - Requirements of a Deacon 1 Tim 3: 8-13

"Liberia". vs. 8 - Same care as picking a pastor.
Both negative + positive qualifications. Merely getting
it doesn't make one pleasing to God.

1- Dignified = serious bearing. Taking their position
with seriousness. Doesn't refer to shape of a
man's face. Lofty thoughts. Not something just
tacked on.

Greater opportunity means Greater responsibility
& judgment. Don't take it unless serious -

"Honorable" = telling truth when make vows -
often say will live it, but fail to do so.

2- Not double-tongued = Tongue, words important.
More harm done with this.

means saying one thing to one person & something
else to another; double speech with intent to deceive.
Such a man cannot be trusted to be steadfast &
responsible in his speech.

agree with pastor, then agree with someone
else.

→ important because they visit & people come to them

3- ~~Not~~ No Wine

4- Not ent for Shameful Gain - Be careful about the
way he makes his living. Sharp dealer
money of church - some don't want to spend it.