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The New Testament Deacon/Diaconate “Cross” Training

Monday, February 2, 2026 @ 6:00PM

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Acts 6:1-7 (NIV)

¹ In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.

³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus [PRO-kor-rus], Nicanor [ny-KAY-nor], Timon [TY-mon], Parmenas [PAR-me-nas], and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

^{7a} So the word of God spread.

^{7b} The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly,

^{7c} ...and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

I. 3 Biblical Goals of Diaconate Congregational Care

1. Spiritual Growth of the Congregation
2. Numeric Increase in the Church
3. *Obedience to the Word of God of Believers*

II. How Diaconate Congregational Care Strengthened the New Testament Church

- Brought _____ to a congregation that was once divided.
- Enabled the apostles to remain _____ on the Ministry of Word & Sacrament.
- Fostered an atmosphere of spiritual and congregational _____ within the church.

The “_____” (Word of God) was planted by the Apostles and the _____ and _____ of the Deacons nurtured the seed within the individual members.

III. 4 Requirements for Successful Diaconate Congregational Care

1. Know Your Doctrine & Your Position’s Place within Your Doctrine

Petrine Doctrine (Focused on _____ of Peter as “the Rock” of the Church)

Pauline Doctrine (Focused on Peter’s _____ as “the Rock” of the Church)

2. The Biblical Pastor & Deacon Relationship

The Biblical Pastors are the _____ of the church. (1 Timothy 3:1)

The Biblical Deacons are the _____ of the Church. (1 Tim. 3:8)

The Deacon's Responsibility

Congregational Care: Serving _____ believers and members in the church.

Avoiding _____ and _____ towards a particular person or groups of people.

The Biblical Pastor & Deacon Relationship

Deacons are required to be, among other things, respectable and respected in the church.

3. Know & Respect the Culture of Diaconate Congregational Care

Successful Diaconate Leadership Knows & Respects the “_____” of the Church

Culture speaks to four distinct aspects of church life.

- _____ is it that makes up the congregation of the church.
- _____ is done in and by the church.
- _____ things are done in and by the church.
- _____ things are preferred and permitted to be done they way they are done in and by the church.



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- Preparing for a Vacant Pulpit
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 Following Pastoral Leadership
 & Supporting Your Pastor’s Vision
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Acts 6:1 with Dr. Bill's Notes

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews [the Greek speaking, newcomers] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews [the original, Aramaic speaking church families] because their [the Greek speaking, newcomer] widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

The Hebraic, Aramaic Speaking "Clique" in the Jerusalem Church

The Hellenistic, Greek Speaking "Clique" in the Jerusalem Church

What Happened When the "Cliques" Came Together as One in the Jerusalem Church?

4. Know the Biblical Expectations & Mandates for Deacons

Biblical Expectations & Mandates for Deacons (Acts 6:2)

²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. (NIV)

²So the Twelve called a meeting of the disciples. They said, "It wouldn't be right for us to abandon our responsibilities for preaching and teaching the Word of God to help with the care of the poor. (Message)

IV. The Handling of Cultural & Ministry “Challenges” within the Congregation

Acts 6:2 helps Diaconate Leaders understand that the Diaconate Focus must be the Word of God. Deacons and Deaconesses are called to...

1. Avoid leading according to _____.
2. Lead others to Serve and Fellowship in the _____.
3. Neither being the source of nor being a part of _____.

The Hebraic Jews Way of Congregational Care: _____ towards different members based on their groups and “cliques” in the church.

1. In-Person **vs.** On-Line
2. Tithers **vs.** Non-Tithers
3. Original Members **vs.** “Newcomers”
4. Members **vs.** Cousins (Guests)
5. Ministry Participants **vs.** Non-Ministry Participants
6. Those Who Feel Included **vs.** Those who Feel Excluded
7. Accepting **vs.** A1 Controlling Towards Pastoral Leadership

How God is Calling Today’s Congregational Care To Be Done:

_____ Love, Care, & Inclusiveness Towards “All” and Not Just “Some”
Not “vs.”, but “&”

1. In-Person **&** On-Line
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Acts 6:3a

^{3a} Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. (NIV)

^{3a} So, friends, choose seven men from among you whom everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense, and we'll assign them this task. (Message Translation)

According to Acts 6:3, Which of the Following is True?

"...choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom."

Those chosen to be Deacon are those who...

- A. Have the Potential to possess the biblical qualities of diaconate leadership.
- B. Have Demonstrated Qualities of Biblical Diaconate Leadership.
- C. Neither A nor B. They should be chosen based upon my personal preference for them to become a Deacon in my church.

V. Diaconate Qualifications

A Deacon Cannot "_____ " a Deacon

The _____ of "Deacon" does not qualify a person to be a New Testament Deacon. The Bible indicates that he/she (the Deacon) must possess the _____ of the diaconate ministry before being called to the Deacon Ministry.

Servant leaders should only be "chosen" by a congregation that has been led by the _____ to do so using the qualities that are listed within the Word of God.

Choosing & Appointing Believers to Christian Office for Biblical Reasons

The appointment of a believer into a church leadership position for non-biblical, self-motivated, personal reasons is a _____.

Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. (1 Timothy 5:22)



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