

1. INFORMATION REGARDING DEACONS IN NEW TESTAMENT
 1. Information rather fragmentary.
 2. Those of Acts 6 may have served as deacons.
2. DIAKONOS THE GREEK WORD THAT DESIGNATES
 1. Minister, Servant, attendant primary meaning.
 2. The word used of Christ in Romans 15:8.
 3. In this sense any one ministering, serving, or attending might be called a deacon.
3. THEIR QUALIFICATIONS
 1. Must be GRAVE.
 1. Sedate and dignified. Sober-minded
 2. NOT DOUBLE TONGUED
 2. Two faced. Speaking one thing out of one corner of his mouth...something else out of the other corner. A man of no fixed, decided purpose. James 1:8
 3. NOT GIVEN TO MUCH WINE
 1. Not a drunkard, tippler, or one acting in anyway (conversation-conduct) as if he were under the influence of wine,
 4. NOT GREEDY OF FILTHY LUCRE...NO LOVER OF MONEY
 1. Earning money in the wrong way.. Working at some job that is wrong within itself.
 5. HOLDING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH IN A PURE CONSCIENCE
 1. They must be sound in the faith.
 2. Conscientious in maintaining it.
 6. THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE
 1. They must have avoided polygamy and divorce.
 7. RULING THEIR CHILDREN AND OWN HOUSES WELL
 1. Lead with prudence and firmness all in the household.
 8. HOLDING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH IN A PURE CONSCIENC. V.9
 1. He must not from fear, self-interest, wrong kind of a life, either conceal or disguise these doctrines
 - 2..He must have above average knowledge of God's Word
4. THE DUTIES OF THE DEACONS:
 1. General care of the buildings and grounds, Baptistery, Poor and sick members, See that the Lord's Supper is prepared.

