

I. ACTS 6 (BACKGROUND)

II. THE SEVEN ARE CHOSEN TO SERVE

Character is what matters when choosing servant leaders. (c.f. 1 Tim. 3:8-13). Anointing and skill are secondary.

The basic meaning of diakonos (Gk) or diaconate (English) is to serve. The English word “deacon” comes from this.

Acts 6:1 daily distribution (diakonia)

Acts 6:2 serve (diakoneo) tables

III. TWO BASIC ROLES OF BELIEVERS: SPEAKING AND SERVING.

As each one has received a gift (charisma), minister (diakoneo) it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 4:10-11)

All parts speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15) and everyone is called to serve. Jesus came to serve. To serve is the highest calling

Matt 20:26 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Mark 10:42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ "And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Dealing with Expectations, Entitlement

Phil. 2:1-15