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**DEACONS: LEADING SERVANTS IN THE CHURCH**

**Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

**The Biblical Truth...**

The Bible identifies two primary leadership roles in the church:  
ELDERS, who are servant \_\_\_\_\_; and DEACONS, who  
are leading \_\_\_\_\_.

**Three Responsibilities of Deacons...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **according to the Word.**
  - Arise from specific \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Accountable for specific \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **the ministry of the Word.**
  - Deacons serve elders so they can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Deacons lead others so they can \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **the body around the Word.**
  - Qualifications...
    - ▶ A \_\_\_\_\_ Mindset
    - ▶ A \_\_\_\_\_ Character
  - Questions...
    - ▶ Is this person honorable?
    - ▶ Is this person \_\_\_\_\_?
    - ▶ Is this person self-controlled?
    - ▶ Is this person a sacrificial giver?
    - ▶ Is this person devoted to the \_\_\_\_\_?
    - ▶ Is this person \_\_\_\_\_?
    - ▶ Is this person blameless?
    - ▶ Is this person honoring Christ in the \_\_\_\_\_?
    - ▶ What about \_\_\_\_\_?

**The Bottom Line...**

Christ is most magnified through the church when ministers are most  
\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the world.

**So What Now...**

Identify one step you can take to more fully develop the \_\_\_\_\_  
of a servant in the church.

Identify one step you can take to more fully obey the \_\_\_\_\_  
to be a servant in the church.



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ELDERS, who are servant leaders; and DEACONS, who  
are leading servants.

**Three Responsibilities of Deacons...**

- **Meet needs** according to the Word.
  - Arise from specific circumstances.
  - Accountable for specific commands.
  
- **Support** the ministry of the Word.
  - Deacons serve elders so they can lead.
  - Deacons lead others so they can serve.
  
- **Unify** the body around the Word.
  - Qualifications...
    - ▶ A Mission Mindset
    - ▶ A Christlike Character
  - Questions...
    - ▶ Is this person honorable?
    - ▶ Is this person genuine?
    - ▶ Is this person self-controlled?
    - ▶ Is this person a sacrificial giver?
    - ▶ Is this person devoted to the Word?
    - ▶ Is this person faithful?
    - ▶ Is this person blameless?
    - ▶ Is this person honoring Christ in the home?
    - ▶ What about women?

**The Bottom Line...**

Christ is most magnified through the church when ministers are most  
multiplied throughout the world.

**So What Now...**

Identify one step you can take to more fully develop the character  
of a servant in the church.

Identify one step you can take to more fully obey the command  
to be a servant in the church.