Deacon Training Session
Responsibility of Deacons - Part II
1 Timothy 3:1-11
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The Deacons along with the Pastor are the Spiritual Overseers/Leaders of the church until Jesus return. We are being held responsible and accountable for the Spiritual harmony and unity of the church. The church should be known as the House of Prayer. (Matthew 21:13)

Deacons must be good managers of their homes before attempting to manage the church. (1 Timothy 3:4)

I. Deacon Qualifications: 1 Timothy 3:1-8
What Is a Deacon? This passage discusses the qualification of both the Pastor and Deacons. These are spiritual qualification.

II. Historical Origin: (Acts 6:1-6)
The reason Deacons were needed and their primary mission in the church. Deacons are peace keepers.

III. Deacons & Spiritual Leaders: (Philippians 1:1)

IV. Authority is ordained by God: (Roman 13:1)
God expects everyone to honor and respect authority.

V. Deacons are selected by the members and appointed by the Pastor.
There is no competition among the two.

VI. Responsibility of the Deacon Ministry:
To meet the spiritual and physical needs of the members of the church
Support the pastor
Prayer Warrior
Preach When Needed
Communion/Baptism
Ordination Duties
Counsel Members

VII. Deacon Family Ministry: Deacons are to minister to the well-being of the families, especially the widows and orphans.
Have an Alphabet listing of families and their birthday listed by month of birthday.
Have a Zip Code listing of member by group.

VIII. Reevaluate and Redefine the Definition of Family:
Family is no longer the way it was.
Single
Widow/Widower
Married

IX. Family counseling:
Referral to social agencies

X. Ministry work of the Deacons:
Prayer Service - Deacons should be present to lead Prayer Service
Bible Study - Deacons should support the Pastor in the teaching of Bible Study
Funeral Arrangements - Support the Family in times of Bereavement
Assist Pastor when and where needed - Ready and willing to help Pastor
Hospital Support - Visitation of assigned members