The Deacon   Acts 6:3

Today is a special day; We have gathered this morning to ordain two men as deacons.

I want to say friends, that God has truly blessed us with the Deacons we have.

They Love God -They Love us – They Love Bethlehem.

They work as a team of partners in the <u>service of the Lord</u>.

When God calls people to serve in His church,

He looks for those whose hearts are right with Him.

"Deacon"

Is a <u>transliteration</u> of the Greek word diakonos.

It is usually or generally translated either as minister or servant(s).

A. CHARGE TO THE DEACONS

I. TO BE SERVANTS TO THE FAITHFUL.

Acts 6:1-7

Note that these men were set aside by the church in Jerusalem to "<u>serve tables</u>."

The meaning of Serving tables is Humbly meeting the needs of the faithful.

Matthew 20:25-28

Your call is to be Servants of the church!

II. TO BE DEFENERS OF THE FAITH.

There will be times that you will be required to take a stand

concerning the reality and truth of God's Word.

There will be some who will put "Tradition" over and above the Truth –

when that happens, you will be required to be a defender of the faith.

1 Peter 3:13-17

Your call is to be defenders of the faith!

III. TO BE EVANGELIST WHO SHARE THE FAITH.

Consider Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8:26-40.

Phillip was called an "Evangelist"

Acts 21:8

As a deacon you must be open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and be willing to share the Gospel with others as the Lord opens up opportunities.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Your call is to be evangelists, share your faith!

IV. TO BE AN APPROVED MODEL BEFORE OTHERS

1 Tim 3:8-13

You are known as men of a good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.

Live your life so that others would want to imitate your Christian walk!

Your call is to be <u>an approved model</u> before others!

B. CHARGE TO THE CHURCH CONCERNING YOUR DEACONS

PP   **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

You should lift their names before the Throne of Grace every day!

Pray for them and be supportive of them.