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W - BEN WRIGHT - SELECTING DEACONS

W - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

W - NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6TH AVE.

W - OSPEL MEETING AT CURRY, SEP 16-19

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

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SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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SELECTING DEACONS

(2 Timothy 3:10; Acts 6:2-3)

_____ men must be sought.

- A. The office of a deacon is not a _____ ground.
B. People do need to have _____ to do.

1. Working in the church allows us to have an _____ in the church as well as grow spiritually.
2. Sometimes we get involved in things _____ of the church because we have time on our hands.

C. The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write these qualifications so God most assuredly wants them _____.

D. By them being proved or tested first, some things are _____:

1. A deacon is not to be a new _____ because you don't know yet if he has all the qualities needed.
2. He isn't to be new to the _____ for the same reason.
3. A man not possessing each quality is _____.
4. A deacon isn't to be appointed on _____ because he is to be known well enough to know he has these qualities.

I. **The _____ of men.**

A. How is the testing to be _____?

1. Paul does _____ specifically say.
2. It does not seem right that it would be an oral questioning of a man because he may _____ he possesses these qualities while others know he does not.
3. The only way that makes good sense is that this man's life has been seen over a _____ of time.

B. _____ is to do the testing?

1. Again, Paul doesn't _____ say.
2. In Acts 6, the apostles left it to the _____ to choose men who fit the bill.

II. **The men under consideration are to be _____.**

A. The men selected must be men who are _____ of lacking in these qualities or being involved in something sinful.

B. This doesn't mean that at _____ a prospective deacon was not worthy of blame.

1. We know _____ have sinned.
2. However, a person could have been blameworthy at one point, _____, and then become blameless.

V. **_____ deacons.**

A. There is no hard and fast rule _____ for us.

B. However, there is _____ precedent for appointing men to a special office found in Acts 6.

1. The _____ of the congregation were to look out from among them men who met the qualifications.
2. This was wise because these men were to _____ them.

C. It is not wise for the elders to do the selecting with no _____ from the congregation.

What Really Changed Paul's Life?

Dan Winkler

All of Jerusalem was disturbed (Acts 21:30). Paul had been seized, dragged out of the temple, almost beaten to death, and falsely charged with desecrating the temple (Acts 21:30-32, 35).

Of interest, when he was finally allowed to defend himself, he talked about—of all things—his conversion. He spoke of:

- his “education” at the feet of Gamaliel (22:1-3)
- his “convictions” relative to the strictness of the law (22:3)
- his “dedication” as a zealot, persecuting the church (22:3-5)
- his “immersion” for the remission of sins (22:16); and
- his “commission” as one sent to the Gentiles (22:17-21).

Question: What really changed Paul’s life? What turned him from one religion to another? What directed his energies? Why was he converted?

Answer: He saw Jesus! On the road to Damascus his associates saw the same light Paul encountered, but only Paul was temporarily blinded. Why? Paul was the only one actually to see the Lord in His glory, and it changed his life forever (Acts 22:6-9; 9:7).

Even so, when you and I study the Old Testament, we are encouraged to anticipate a Savior. When we study the New Testament, we are introduced to Jesus as that Savior. If we are baptized into Him (Galatians 3:26-27) and allow Him to live in us (Galatians 2:20) like Paul, it will make all the difference in our lives...and our eternity.