

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's
The New Testament Deacon
Chapters 7-9

Read Chapter 7: The Necessity for Character Qualifications for Deacons

Q: Why is it necessary for the church to have biblically qualified men in positions of leadership? What are the dangers of having unqualified men in leadership?

A: _____

Q: What are the benefits of having a plurality of deacons? What will the plurality protect against? What will this structure encourage in these men?

A: _____

Read Chapter 8: Five Character Qualifications for Deacons

Define the following biblical requirements for a deacon (1st Timothy 3:8-9).
Explain the practical application of each qualification.

- DIGNITY
- NOT DOUBLE TOUNGED
- NOT ADDICTED TO MUCH WINE
- NOT FOND OF SORDID GAIN
- HOLDING FAST TO THE MYSTERY

Read Chapter 9: Qualifications Demand Examination

Q: The Scriptures teach that deacons should be tested before they serve (1 Timothy 3:10). How should this process be carried out in the local church? How can this be done effectively?

A: _____

