**Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's**

***The New Testament Deacon***

Chapters 1-2

**Read Chapter 1: The Shepherds’ Priorities: Word and Prayer**

**Q:** Why was the office of deacon created? What is the purpose of this office?

**A:**

**Q:** According to Acts 6, what did the first group of deacons help to prevent?

**A:**

**Q:** How do the primary responsibilities of shepherds help give shape to the responsibilities of deacons? In other words, how do the elders’ priorities impact the work of the deacons?

**A:**

**Read Chapter 2: Appointing Ministers of Mercy**

**Q:** Strauch discusses the importance of organization in this chapter. Why is that such a crucial aspect of the deacons’ work?

**A:**

**Q:** What kind of impact can deacons have for the kingdom of God in fulfilling their office? How does this help you to understand the importance of this office?

**A:**