**Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's**

***The New Testament Deacon***

Chapters 3-4

**Read Chapter 3: Official Public Recognition**

**Q:** Why did the apostles lay hands on the first deacons in Jerusalem? What was the significance of that ceremony?

**A:**

**Q:** Why do we need to have officially recognized leaders in the church? Again, why is it important to have a formal and publicly validated body of leaders in a local assembly?

**A:**

**Read Chapter 4: Acts 6: The Prototype for Deacons**

**Q:** Why is there good reason to believe that the 7 spoken of in Acts 6 were the first deacons?

**A:**

**Q:** What do you make of the ministries of Stephen and Phillip? They were a part of the original 7, but they did much more than care for the widows in Jerusalem. What does their example mean for modern deacons?

**A:**