**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?

**A:**