**Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's**

***Paul’s Vision for the Deacons***

Chapters 5-6

**Read Chapter 5: The Deacons’ Qualifications**

**Q:** Why are there necessary qualifications for the office of deacon? What are the dangers of having unqualified men in leadership?

**A:**

Please define the following biblical requirements for a deacon (1Timothy 3:8-9). Explain the practical application of each qualification and why it matters.

* Dignified
* Not double-tongued
* Not addicted to much wine
* Not greedy for dishonest gain
* Holding fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience

**Read Chapter 6: Examination**

**Q**: The Scriptures teach that deacons should be tested before they serve (1 Timothy 3:10), but it does not provide instruction about *how* to do this. Here we must apply wisdom. What procedures could we follow to make sure that this testing is done effectively?

**A:**

**Q:** Why is it important to publicly install a man into the office of deacon through the laying on of hands (1 Timothy 5:22)?

**A:**