

# Understanding the concept of a deacon or servant is key to congregational health

Deacon – servant, helper, wait on someone at table, serve, care for, support, ministry, minister

Office – function (a doing, a deed or practice)

Romans 12:4 function

Eph 2:10 work

The concept of servitude is precursor to becoming a Christian

Jesus teaching concerning servitude  
contradicted the cultural view of the day

Matt 19-20:28, 23:11 last 1<sup>st</sup>

Isaiah 41-53 Jesus the greatest  
servant of all

Rom 15:18

John 13:1-17 Jesus example

We are all servants of Jesus Christ and  
of each other

# The Holy Spirit teaches congregational organization

Phil 1:1	Saints, bishops, deacons
Acts 20:28	Overseers to shepherd
I Peter 5:1-2	Elders among you
I Tim 4:12-16	Preacher
Rom 12:3-8	Saints with gifts differing

Each person has a part or role to fulfill in  
the assembly (as a servant) **Eph 4:16**

# Appointed deacons in the assembly of the Lord (qualifications)

Acts 6:1-7

1. Men
2. Good reputation
3. Full of the Spirit
4. Full of wisdom

I Tim 3:8-13

1. Reverent
2. Not double tongued
3. Not given to much wine

# Appointed deacons in the assembly of the Lord (continued)

## I Tim 3:8-13

4. Not greedy for money
5. Hold mystery of faith w/clear conscience
6. Proved
7. Serve as a deacon
8. Found blameless
9. Husbands of one wife – one woman man

# Appointed deacons in the assembly of the Lord (continued)

## I Tim 3:8-13 Wives

1. Reverent
2. Not slanderers
3. Temperate
4. Faithful in all things

An appointed deacon must have a wife  
with certain qualities

# Women deacons in the assembly of the Lord

Rom 16:1-2

Matt 4:11, 7:55, 8:15

Mark 1:31

Luke 4:39, 10:40

There are no appointed deaconesses in  
the assembly of the Lord