



THE AIM OF A FAITHFUL SERVANT

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The Church Needs Servants

- o Servant Leaders (Elders, Pastors, Overseers) Verses 1-7*
- o Leading Servants (Deacons) Verses 8-12*

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Only Difference Between Pastors and Deacons:

Pastor - ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach

Deacon - ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

Pastors serve as they lead The Church through the teaching of the Word

Deacons lead as they serve The Church to uphold what is being taught

God's Promise for Servants

¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Driving Question:

What should be the aim
of my service?

1. To Display The Beauty of The Church

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- a. The Household of God
- b. The Church of The Living God
- c. The Pillar and Buttress of The Truth

2. To Display The Beauty of The Savior

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- a. Manifested in The Flesh (His Birth)***
- b. Vindicated by The Spirit (life, death, and resurrection)***
- c. Seen by Angels***
- d. Proclaimed among The Nations***
- e. Believed on in The World***
- f. Taken up in Glory (Victory)***

Pastoral Reflections:

- Do you desire to Serve?
- What is your Aim? To make much of self or to make much of His household and of Him?
- Aim for Jesus in your service