

# Biblical Deacons Study Guide

## Introduction

1. When you hear the word deacon what comes to mind? What is your current view of the deacons role in the church?
2. What is the purpose of this study?
3. List 4 characteristics of Berean-like Christianity you need to emulate.
4. Which 2 of the 4 will be most helpful to you as you seek to identify the role and position of a New Testament Deacon? Why?
5. Why is it particularly important that biblical elders be Berean-like Christians? How would Berean-like elders positively effect you as a deacon?

## Chapter 1

1. Why did the author take time at this point in the book to stress that “Paul is an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God” (1 Tim 1.1)? List as many reasons as you can for this.
2. Were any of the 11 points presented in chapter one surprising or new to you? Explain.
3. Of the 11 points, which 3 do you find most helpful in discovering what Paul teaches about the position and role of deacons? Explain your choices.
4. How do we know that the deacons are to be subject to the elders/overseers? Why does that matter to our investigation of who deacons are and what they do?
5. In the opening story of this chapter, a woman asked her pastor to make her friend a deacon so that he would start attending church again. Now that you have read this chapter, how would you explain to this woman why you would not be able to fulfill her request? Do you have any scripture to support your answer?
6. What is a problem we all encounter when trying to describe the role of deacons?
7. As a result of this biblical study on deacons, what would you personally like to see accomplished for yourself and for the church?