

## Chapter 6

1. Reread the opening story of Valleyview Church. In what ways did the church and its Pastor fail in appointing new deacons? List many as you can.
2. Why must there be an examination by the church and its leaders of a deacon candidate's fitness for office? List as many reasons as you can.
3. What does the Greek word for tested mean? Explain all that you now know about this keyword. If you have access to Bible commentaries or dictionary's, use them to help you grasp the meaning of this word.
4. What do the sequential words first and then tell you about the process of appointing deacons to office?
5. What does it mean that a deacon candidate must be proven blameless? Is anyone blameless?
6. Who should take the lead in the process of examining and approving new deacons? How would you support your answer with Scripture?
7. What does Scripture mean when it says, "do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others" (1 Tim 5.22)? How does this principle apply to deacons? If you have access to Bible commentaries or dictionary's, use them to help you interpret verse 22.
8. Why would the elders want to involve the congregation in the examination and approval of new deacons? What scriptures would you use to justify your answers?
9. Read Acts 6.1-7 and Acts 15.1-29. What important principles do these two passages teach you about the elder congregation relationship and the decision-making process in the church? For help, see endnote 11 on pages 117-118 in the text.
10. Why should there be some kind of formal, public installation of a deacon before the church body?
11. Why would the laying on of hands mean to the church and to the deacon if it is done at an installation of a new deacon?
12. What practical new ideas did you learn about appointing deacons from this chapter?