

## The New Testament Deacon The Church's Minister Of Mercy

This book comes straight from the heart of a pastor who has had deacons for breakfast, dinner, and supper for as long as he can remember. The son of a Baptist minister, Dr. Naylor was influenced from childhood by men in this noble office of divine origin. His own twenty-five years in the Baptist ministry and his successful work with deacons in many churches, large and small, well qualify him to write this long needed book.

Three related essays by experts on the diaconate that examine the concept of women deacons in the Catholic Church from Thistorical, contemporary, and future perspectives.

How Can Deacons Mobilize Service in the Church? Deacons are essential to a church's health—yet confusion abounds regarding their biblical job description. What's their God-given role in a local congregation and how do they relate to the church's overall mission? In this short book, Matt Smethurst makes the case that deacons are model servants called to meet tangible needs, organize and mobilize acts of service, preserve the unity of the flock, and support the ministry of the elders. Clearing away common misconceptions, Smethurst offers practical guidance for deploying deacons and helping churches to flourish.

A godly deacon is a great asset to the work of God. His servant leadership benefits the entire church family, and his support and care for the pastor is invaluable. The Ministry of a Baptist Deacon is written for local church deacons who desire to invest themselves in the work of God and give themselves to the service of God's people. It is designed as a handbook to equip deacons as servant leaders. This two-part manual scripturally defines the office and responsibilities of a deacon as well as providing practical helps for local church ministry. This book also includes several appendices with sample forms, financial procedures, and a sample church constitution.

The Biblical Roots and the Ministry of Mercy Today

The New Testament Deacon

The Presbyterian Deacon

Minister of Mercy, Study Guide

A Two-party Study Guide, a Self-study Plan and a Pastor-directed Plan

The Care of Souls

The Baptist Deacon

A six-lesson study supplement causes the reader to think more biblically about the deacons, with practical ideas for the work, and for encouragement. This is a matter truly dear to the heart of God.

Among evangelical Christians, there are widely diverse views on the roles of deacons. What does Scripture actually teach about deacons and their role in the church? Views range from deacons being the board of directors, to the church building maintenance crew. In writing this completely new book Strauch states that his purpose is "to encourage my deacon friends and fellow church leaders to think more critically about what they are saying, what they are doing, and what the Scripture actually teaches about deacons." Whatever your view of deacons may be, this study will help you examine in detail the biblical facts on deacons, allowing those facts to guide your thinking. This book offers the opportunity to build broader agreement among our Bible-believing churches as to what deacons do. This is not simply a revision of Strauch's popular book, "The New Testament Deacon: Minister of Mercy." It is a completely new study with a fresh perspective.

Fifteen years after its original publication comes a thoroughly revised edition of the Evangelical Dictionary of Theology. Every article from the original edition has been revisited. With some articles being removed, others revised, and many new articles added, the result is a completely new dictionary covering systematic, historical, and philosophical theology as well as theological ethics.

This easy-to-read handbook addresses practical issues that typically confront lay church leaders, otherwise known as board members or deacons. Here you will find relevant help to equip leaders for the challenge of both ministering in their congregation and giving support and guidance to their pastor. Offers specific, pertinent information about how to fulfill the unique roles, and responsibilities of a lay leader, exploring topics that range from biblical basis for ministry and New Testament qualifications to typical areas of service, administrative duties, even conflict management. Used alone or in a group, the suggestions for personal interaction and problem solving, along with real-life stories, will help develop effective leaders.

The Emerging Role of Deacons

A Story

Called to Serve

Containing the Decisions of the General Assembly to 1885 Inclusive

Living with Resolute Hope in an Anxious Age

A Fresh Look at the New Testament

Paul's Vision for the Deacons

Examines Hebrews' exposition of Jesus' death, his self-offering in heaven at his ascension, and the link between them.

Biblical Eldership: an urgent call to restore Biblical church leadership.

This book is a call for deacons to join a biblical mission. This book is an effort to get deacons away from building maintenance and adopt a people service orientation.

After nineteen years in print and over 200,000 copies sold, Broadman & Holman is publishing an updated edition of Deacons: Servant Models in the Church. Henry Webb deals with every aspect of the roles and offices of deacons in the church, including the deacon's marriage, wife, children, family life, conduct, priorities, and other pertinent aspects of deacons as role models of servant leadership in the church.

Crucial Questions about Speaking in Tongues

Biblical Eldership

An Essential Guide, Revised for the New Form of Government

Deacon Ministry

Deacons

Assisting the Elders with the Care of God's Church

Restoring the Eldership to Its Rightful Place in the Church

What does the gift giver say about the gift He gave? This book will help you overcome the arguments, fears, and anxieties related to this gift. FEATURES AND BENEFITS Shares the author's personal testimony and spiritual journey with speaking in tongues Examines the history of this gift in the church for the past two thousand years Interacts with those who have denied that this gift is valid for today's church Speaks to the relationship between Spirit baptism, Spirit filling, and the gift of tongues Few other issues have separated the church more than the issue of tongues. Sam Storms focuses on this controversial subject with his signature insights to theology and the gifts of the spirit. What does the gift giver say about the gift He gave? Storms seeks to bring balance to this subject in The Language of Heaven as he wrestles with this sensitive issue experientially as well as theologically. He ultimately provides a platform to allow God to speak for Himself as he addresses every text of Scripture on the subject and engages with every theological issue that speaking in tongues provokes. As a pastor, Storms knows the questions that the typical churchgoer is asking and provides clear and accessible answers to them all, including: Is the gift of tongues for every Christian or only some? How does the gift of tongues operate in the life of the believer individually in private practice? How does the gift of tongues operate in the corporate assembly of God's church? How is the Christian edified and strengthened by praying in tongues? How do I pray for the gift and prepare my heart to receive it? You can overcome the arguments, fears, and anxieties related to this spiritual gift. Remember, God gives only good gifts, and it is His intention that His church utilize all that He has provided so that we might experience all that He is.

Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James

There is a critical problem concerning the deacons and the local church, State and National Conventions. The deacons are assuming leadership roles without being equipped for the task of leadership. The relationship between the pastor and deacon is widening because there is a misunderstanding concerning the mission of the church, pastoral leadership and the role of the deacons. This book is a tool to help those currently doing and preparing for the work of the deacon. - Dr. John H. Walker

The subject of "women in ministry" has attracted considerable attention in the past half-century of Western Christianity. While much of the debate has centered around ordination and female pastors, few works have focused specifically on female deacons. A Case for Female Deacons challenges reformed and evangelical Christians to accept the legitimacy of female deacons without getting distracted by the more controversial debate about female pastors. The heart of the book contains a thorough exegesis of key passages and a fascinating look at what the church believed about deacons in centuries past. As a graduate thesis, readers will find a cohesive, logical argument supported by a wealth of scholarly research. As a contemporary work in theology, many complementarians and traditionalists will be challenged to revise their position. The end result is a compelling biblical, theological, and historical case for female deacons.

The Go-Between: Augustine on Deacons

The Acts of the Apostles

Sojourners and Strangers

The Deacon

Past, Present, Future

The Ministry of a Baptist Deacon

Deacons and the Church

Around 56 AD, the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome. He entrusted this letter to Phoebe, whom he describes as the deacon of the church at Cenchræe and a patron of many. But who was this remarkable woman? Biblical scholar and popular author and speaker Paula Gooder imagines Phoebe's story—who she was, the life she lived, and her first-century faith—and in doing so opens up Paul's world.

Paul lays out an application-intensive approach to seeking out and developing qualified church leaders. Thoughtful analysis of key passages in Acts and 1 Timothy are balanced with practical action points in a contemporary context.

Indifference toward deacon development places the church in a precarious state. By and large, congregations stand to be weakened by deacons who have not discovered the exciting possibilities of the office. When pastor and congregation disregard the need to have trained deacons, the office is allowed to recede into one of mere honor rather than service established in Christ. On the other hand, trained deacons or those in training discover exciting opportunities with which the office of deacons is filled. They come to perceive the office as one of service rather than honor. The church is strengthened exceedingly by their effective and efficient leadership under the sight of the pastor. Unquestionable, God is looking for a special breed of deacons—a New Testament breed who are Spirit-filled and qualified. To say that deacons are qualified is to say also that they are trained for the work of deacons.

In a time when many churches have lost sight of the real purpose of the church, The Care of Souls invites a new generation of pastors to form the godly habits and practical wisdom needed to minister to the hearts and souls of those committed to their care. Harold Senkbeil helps remind pastors of the essential calling of the ministry: preaching and living out the Word of God while orienting others in the same direction. And he offers practical and fruitful advice-born out of his five decades as a pastor-that will benefit both new pastors and those with years in the pulpit. Drawing on a lifetime of pastoral experience, The Care of Souls is a beautifully written treasury of proven wisdom which pastors will find themselves turning to again and again.

A Handbook for Local Church Servant Leaders

Deacon Training

A Case for Female Deacons

Biblical Foundations for Today's Ministry of Mercy

How They Serve and Strengthen the Church

Deacons: The diakon-word group in the New Testament and the ministry of the deacon

The Role of a New Testament Deacon

A summary of the biblical, historical, and practical role of deacons in the church.

A combination of practical guidance and inspiration on character, relationship to church and pastor, stewardship, missions and more.

The primary purpose and objective of this course is to come to a clearer understanding of the role, responsibility and work of deacons. A secondary objective is to gain knowledge, information and understanding to equip deacons to perform their task effectively and efficiently, and to share in the fellowship of servant-hood as they labor for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Updated 2022 Edition In this highly useful book, Earl S. Johnson, Jr. explores the role of the deacon in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The author explains the freedom for churches to define the roles of deacons while also supplying many helpful suggestions. Johnson examines the ministry as it is described in sections of the Book of Order and analyzes how the word "deacon" is used in Scripture. In addition, Johnson provides historical information regarding the inclusion of women and offers innovative ways to incorporate the ministry of deacons into the larger ministry of the church. Fully revised based on the new Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), this book is invaluable for new deacons preparing for their roles, while also helping pastors and leaders who are training prospective deacons.

Deacon Workbook

Making Connections Between Old and New

Empowering Volunteers

Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons

Gospelbound

Women Deacons

Now That You're a Deacon

A profound exploration of how to hold on to hope when our unchanging faith collides with a changing culture, from two respected Christian storytellers and thought leaders. " Offers neither spin control nor image maintenance for the evangelical tribe, but genuine hope. " —Russell Moore, president of ERLC As the pressures of health warnings, economic turmoil, and partisan politics continue to rise, the influence of gospel-focused Christians seems to be waning. In the public square and popular opinion, we are losing our voice right when it ' s needed most for Christ ' s glory and the common good. But there ' s another story unfolding too—if you know where to look. In Gospelbound, Collin Hansen and Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra counter these growing fears with a robust message of resolute hope for anyone hungry for good news. Join them in exploring profound stories of Christians who are quietly changing the world in the name of Jesus—from the wild world of digital media to the stories of ancient saints and unsung contemporary activists on the frontiers of justice and mercy. Discover how, in these dark times, the light of Jesus shines even brighter. You haven ' t heard the whole story. And that ' s good news.

Arranged in a Q & A format, this volume tackles the major questions that pastors, church leaders, and students ask about congregational church government, a topic of much interest in the church today. It provides readers with a clear analysis of key biblical passages, succinct answers (4-8 pages each), and discussion questions. The unique format of the book allows the reader to pick and choose what issues are most pertinent to their interests and needs.

The office of deacon is God's gift to His church, but today it is often undervalued, misunderstood, and perceived to be of little importance. In The Deacon , the author considers the Old Testament background for this calling, the deacon in New Testament times and in church history, and the current function of the office. You will rediscover the high and privileged calling of deacons and come to a better understanding of what God requires of them. Table of Contents: Part 1--The Old Testament Background 1. The Poor in Israel 2. Providing for the Poor Part 2--New Testament Times 3. Christ's Teaching on the Poor and Needy 4. Ministering to the Poor in Acts 6 5. The Office of Deacon 6. Female Deacon? Part 3--The Office of Deacon in the History of the Church 7. The Testimony of the Early Church and the Heritage of the Reformation 8. Women and the Diaconate Part 4--The Current Functioning of the Office 9. The Official Position of the Deacon Today 10. Enabling and Prioritizing 11. The Diaconal Ministry within the Congregation 12. The Diaconal Ministry outside the Congregation 13. The Blessing of the Poor

With questions and assignments written by Alexander Strauch, this Study Guide is designed as a companion to the text, "Paul's Vision for the Deacons: Assisting the Elders with the Care of God's Church." Together, these resources make excellent training material for deacons and the elders who lead them.

New Testament Patterns for Pastoral Leadership

Ministry by the Book

Paul's Vision for the Deacons: Study Guide

Jesus' Death and Heavenly Offering in Hebrews

The New Testament and the Office of Deacon

40 Questions about Elders and Deacons

The Doctrine of the Church

Focusing on pastoral leadership within local churches or groups of churches, Derek Tidball provides a comprehensive survey of the variety of ministry models and patterns found in the New Testament with applications for today's ministry.

In The Go-Between: Augustine on Deacons Bart J. Koet gives the first ever systematic assessment of a Church Father ' s view on the functioning of deacons.

What is a church? This can be a difficult question to answer and Christians have offered a variety of perspectives. Gregg Allison thus explores and synthesizes all that Scripture affirms about the new covenant people of God, capturing a full picture of the biblical church. He covers the topics of the church ' s identity and characteristics; its growth through purity, unity, and discipline; its offices and leadership structures; its ordinances of baptism and the Lord ' s Supper; and its ministries. Here is a rich approach to ecclesiology consisting of sustained doctrinal reflection and wise, practical application. Part of the Foundations of Evangelical Theology series.

Is the deacon a minister for our times? Written for deacons of all denominations, this book has implications for the whole church as the issues it raises go beyond the diaconate and touch on the nature of the church itself, on its ministry and its use of the scriptures. It is essential reading for bishops and members of synods with responsibilities for deacons as well as for those who develop or deliver programmes for deacons, for those who might be considering becoming a deacon and for all those who like to be informed about what is going on in the church today.

The Language of Heaven

A Fresh Look at the New Testament Deacon

Phoebe

Essays for Elders and Deacons

New Testament Deacon Ministry in African-American Churches

What is Presbyterian Law as Defined by the Church Courts?

A Study of the Deacon Ministry in Churches of African Descent: A Biblical Perspective

Deacons: The diakon-words in the New Testament and the ministry of the deacon offers an in depth analysis of the concept of 'deacon' in the New Testament and its significance for present day congregational practices. The essence and content of the service of the deacon within the community of God forms the focus of the study. Significant passages in the New Testament are considered in fine exegetical manner to determine the guidelines offered within the context of these NT texts. In this way different perspectives are highlighted that enrich the overall understanding of the concept of 'deacon'. Obviously, this challenges some of the views held on this topic (that even influence the way several churches organise their diaconal service) and suggests some novel ideas related to the topic. Certain focal points are described, for instance, the centrality of the covenant and Kingdom in exercising diaconal service, or the interrelatedness of koinonia, diakonia and worship. This book offers a rich and responsible study of the concept of deacons in congregations, both on theoretical and practical levels. Prof Dr Jan van der Watt

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Ministers of Mercy

Cultivating a Pastor's Heart

The Church's Minister of Mercy

Evangelical Dictionary of Theology (Baker Reference Library)

An Office to Hold Or a Ministry to Perform?