

NRP Webinar Series 1: God's Government
Week 2: The Emergence of Deacons

1. **Qualifications**
 - a. Chart (see page 2)
 - b. Character qualifications: Qualification does not equal calling

2. **Female Deacons**--Romans 16:1 *I recommend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea.*

3. **Government vs Ministry**

4. **New Testament Principles of Deacons**
 - a. Acts 6:3 *Instead, brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.*
 - b. Romans 16:2 *...that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.*
 - c. Philippians 1:1 *Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons...*

5. **Stephen & Phillip**--Ephesians 3:7 *...of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.*

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Qualifications		
1 Timothy 3	Titus	Deacons
Above reproach	Above reproach	Beyond reproach
Husband of one	Husband of one	Husband of one
Temperate	Self-controlled	
Prudent	Sensible	
Respectable		
Hospitable	Hospitable	
Able to teach	Hold fast/faithful word	Holds--mystery of faith
Not addicted to wine	Not addicted to wine	Not addicted to wine
Not pugnacious	Not pugnacious	
Gentle	Not quick tempered	
Peaceable		
Not lover of money	Above reproach as God's steward; Not fond of sordid gain	No sordid gain
Manage household well		
Children under control/dignity	Children who believe	Good manager of children/household
Not a new convert		
Good reputation		
Not conceited	Not self-willed	
	Loving what is good	
	Just	
	Devout	
	Not accused of dissipation/rebellion	
		Dignity
		Not double tongued
		WOMEN:
		Dignified
		Not malicious gossips
		Temperate
		Faithful in all things