


First RP Church of Beaver Falls Third Annual Christian Life Conference

*Learning to Do Good Deeds
to Meet Pressing Needs*



Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath
Bartholomeus Breenbergh
c. 1630

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Session 1 - Friday Evening

Hearing the Call as We Worship to Love Mercy

Session 2 - Saturday Morning

Emphasizing the Vital Role of Deacons in Mercy

Session 3 - Saturday Morning

Developing a Congregational Approach to Mercy

Session 4 - Lord's Day Evening

Bringing Forth the Sabbath Fruits of Mercy

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Titus 3:14

*Our people must also learn
to engage in good deeds
to meet pressing needs,
so that they will not be unfruitful.*



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Quick Review of Last Night

Connection between Worship & Mercy

The "Other" Regulative Principle

Echo of Poverty Laws in Psalms

Practical Theological Steps



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Poor Laws in an Age of False Beneficence

Deuteronomy 14:22-15:17

Use the Tithe to Aid the Needy

Lend without Usury to One Who is in Need

Give Liberally to the One Who Has Been Faithful

Receive Gratefully One Who Wants to be Trained

Proverbial Reflections

Read the following Proverbs and note principles that describe the poor, how we should treat the poor, and cautions in dealing with the poor.

Proverbs 6:6-11

Proverbs 10:4

Proverbs 13:7, 23

Proverbs 14:31

Proverbs 16:26

Proverbs 19:1, 17, 22, 24

Proverbs 20:13

Proverbs 21:13, 17

Proverbs 22:2-4, 7-9, 16, 22-23, 26-27, 29

Proverbs 23:4-5

Proverbs 28:11

The *Office* of Deacon
Philippians 1:1-6; I Timothy 3:13

The Diaconate is a distinct office

Deacons are prayerful partners in the gospel

The diaconate is an office of service

Deacons should be highly regarded

Deacons promote great confidence in Christ

The *Main Work* of the Deacon

Acts 6:1-7

What was the basic problem? What made it unique and potentially divisive? (1)

How do we see the church exercising wisdom and assigning importance to finding a solution? (5-6)

What was the deacons' main job? What does that remind us about the diaconate? (2-3) What was the outcome? (7)

APPLICATION: At First RPC, what are the questions we need to ask, the organization we need to establish, or the responsibilities we need to define?