

# **THE OFFICE OF DEACON**

## **Its Nature**

### **1. Its dignity**

Compare the duties of a priest (Deut. 14:29; 26:12-13)

In church history: an unwholesome view of the relation of the physical and the spiritual

God's regard for the physical

### **2. Its origin** (Acts 6:1-6)

1) The first dissension in the early church (v. 1)

2) The response of the apostles (vv. 2-4)

3) The result (vv. 5-6)

### **3. Its nature**

1) Its external aspect (Acts 1:2; cf. Matt. 15:27; 21:12)

2) Its spiritual aspect (cf. Luke 7:13; Mark 5:34; Rom. 13:10; John 13:24)

### **4. Its authority** (Acts 6:3)

### **5. Its subordination** (Acts 6:3; 11:30; Romans 15:25-28; I Cor. 16:1-4; 9:1-5)

### **6. Its qualifications**

1) Their reputation (Acts 6:3; cf. 1 Tim. 3:7)

2) Their spirituality (Acts 6:3)

3) Their wisdom (Acts 6:3)