

DEACON MINISTRY
Acts 6:1-6; I Timothy 3:8-13

The Jewish Tradition of the "Kuppah": the "basket"/charity fund - Acts 6:2

- The collection of donations as a "safety net" for the poor/need - Matt 6:2
...carried over and continued by the church - Acts 4:24,25

The Assignment of Deacons - Acts 6:1-6 (it is more about role than office, about function than title)

- To see that no one is "overlooked" - Acts 6:1
- To be "daily" attendants to needs of others - Acts 6:1
- To be "full of it!" (the Holy Spirit, wisdom, faith, power) - Acts 6:3,5,8
- To be faithful to fulfill the task assigned - Acts 6:3

Their Commission:

- To be caretakers of "being" - Mk 10:45
...be attentive, stay in touch - Ga 5:13
- To be communicators of truth - Eph 4:15; I Tim 1:5
...re-center others in the truth of the Gospel - I Tim 3:9
- To be managers of conflict - II Cor 10:3-5
...pursuing reconciliation and unity in the Body - Eph 4:2-3
- To have been tested and proven worthy of the assignment - Acts 6:3; I Tim 3:10
...as faithful, hopeful, loving servants to whom we are entrusting the care of our "family" - Eph 4:1; Phil 2:3-7