



The First Seven Servants

By Derek Kiser on February 11, 2022

TODAY'S READING: Acts 6

We all have skills and abilities that make us great for certain jobs or more efficient at certain things. There are things I am good at doing and things I am not. Even the business world understands different people have different responsibilities and they work together to function best. Should your surgeon check you in and take your temperature and weight? Should a CEO type all his own letters? We all understand this on a certain level. Everyone has a task. When we, with our individual gifts, abilities and education perform that task, everyone benefits. Nobody is more important; we just are better at certain things or more experienced, etc.

This story starts with the problem of increased disciples (good) and widows who are being neglected in the food distribution (bad). The Apostles could not do it all. They state in verse 3, *"It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables."* The Apostles express their desire in verse 4, *"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."*

The solution--the first deacons. The term *deacon* means servant or table waiter. They picked seven men, one of which was Stephen, the first martyr. The men who were picked to be the first deacons were *"full of the Spirit and wisdom"* (vs. 3). They served the tables and the Apostles prayed and spent time understanding the scriptures. God was honored; people were doing the tasks God had asked them to do.

As I type this devotional, we have many things going on in our church body. Some of you are at work talking to coworkers about Jesus. Some of you are nurses or doctors. Some of you are teaching students in a school. MMO and their staff are taking care of kids for moms to have the morning off. Sunday School lessons are being planned. Pastors are reaching out to our shut-ins and preparing lessons to teach.

We thank God for our deacons in this church who serve our shut-ins and those in the hospital. We thank them for the time they invest in our people who may not be able to come on campus. We need more servants. Our roles are different, but God needs us all to serve Him in our own individual way so all the hands and feet of the body of Christ are working together. Serving is an honor and it is fun. I hope God will show you your place of service.

PRAYER: God, help me see where there is a need in Your church and serve You. Help me see things I can do to help and things I enjoy. Let me be a part of the work You are doing.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Acts 7

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