

# The Effective Deacon

- Introduction:
1. There is a lot of frustration among elders due to the ineffectiveness of deacons.
  2. That frustration often builds a wall of distrust and disappointment.
  3. Then instead of being a team, elders and deacons can easily find themselves in adversarial roles.
  4. In this lesson, I would like to address several factors that, if observed, will make you more effective deacons.

## I. Resolve To Serve God For Nothing

- A. (Job 1:9).
- B. (2 Timothy 4:2-5).
- C. Determine that no one can push you to the point of quitting.
- D. Reasons we sometimes quit.
  1. Lack of appreciation.
  2. Criticism.
  3. Lack of direction.

## II. Constantly Reevaluate Your Job

- A. (Ecclesiastes 9:10).
- B. (Colossians 3:23).
- C. Are you giving God your very best?
  1. How do we clean when we have company?
  2. How do we straighten the building for a wedding?
- D. If we aren't risk-takers, we become caretakers, and from there it's a short step to becoming undertakers.
- E. Whatever your job is – tweak it! Don't just maintain it, make it better.
- F. If we're not changing, we're not seeking excellence.
- G. If something no longer works, drop it (1 Corinthians 9:22).

## III. See People For Who They Are

- A. Teach yourself to see people as Jesus sees people.
- B. (Luke 7:36-50) note v. 44 - "Do you see this woman?"
- C. Simon the Pharisee only saw a sinner, while Jesus saw a valuable soul.
- D. Don't lose sight of the fact that all people are eternity-bound souls.

## IV. Don't Be Too Big To Do A Small Job

- A. If you are too big for a small job, you're too small for a large one.
- B. (Hebrews 6:10).
- D. (Acts 6:1-7) Take special note of v. 2.

- Conclusion:
1. If you'll go about your work according to the principles we've discussed, then:
    - a. Your work will be done well.
    - b. You'll free up elders to do their work.
    - c. You'll free up preachers to do their work.
    - d. And the bottom line is – Jesus will be magnified and glorified.