

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 3-14-10 PM NOTES
"MODELS FOR SERVANTHOOD IN THE CHURCH"
ACTS 6:1-7
(Non-Series Message)

I. The Reason for Deacons (vv. 1-2, 4)

A. Because Christians Struggle With the Flesh (v. 1)

Acts 5:40b (NKJV) "...and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Acts 5:41-42 (NKJV) ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."

Acts 5:11 (NKJV) "So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things."

"Organization is essential—you have to organize the life of the church. But the question is, to what extent? This is important because when the organization becomes more important than the message, the New Testament position is reversed, and tragedy follows."

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

1 Corinthians 14:40 (NASB) "But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner."

B. Because the Pastors Cannot Do It All (vv. 2,4)

"Unwittingly, the church conspires to rob the preacher of his power, demanding of him such a multitude of small performances that on Sunday, he cannot preach at all. To relieve that dilemma, the booksellers supply him with a manual for the year with sermons for both morning and night. Grasping at that, he who began as a preacher ends as a phonograph, reciting mail order sermons that never breathed the breath of life."

—Vance Havner

1. Prayer

2. The Ministry of the Word

"It is wrong to put 'serving tables' before the preaching of the Word of God because it is always wrong to put man before God."

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

II. The Requirements for an Effective Servant (v. 3)

A. A Good Reputation

B. The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

C. Wisdom

III. The Results of a Church With a Servant Mindset (v. 7)