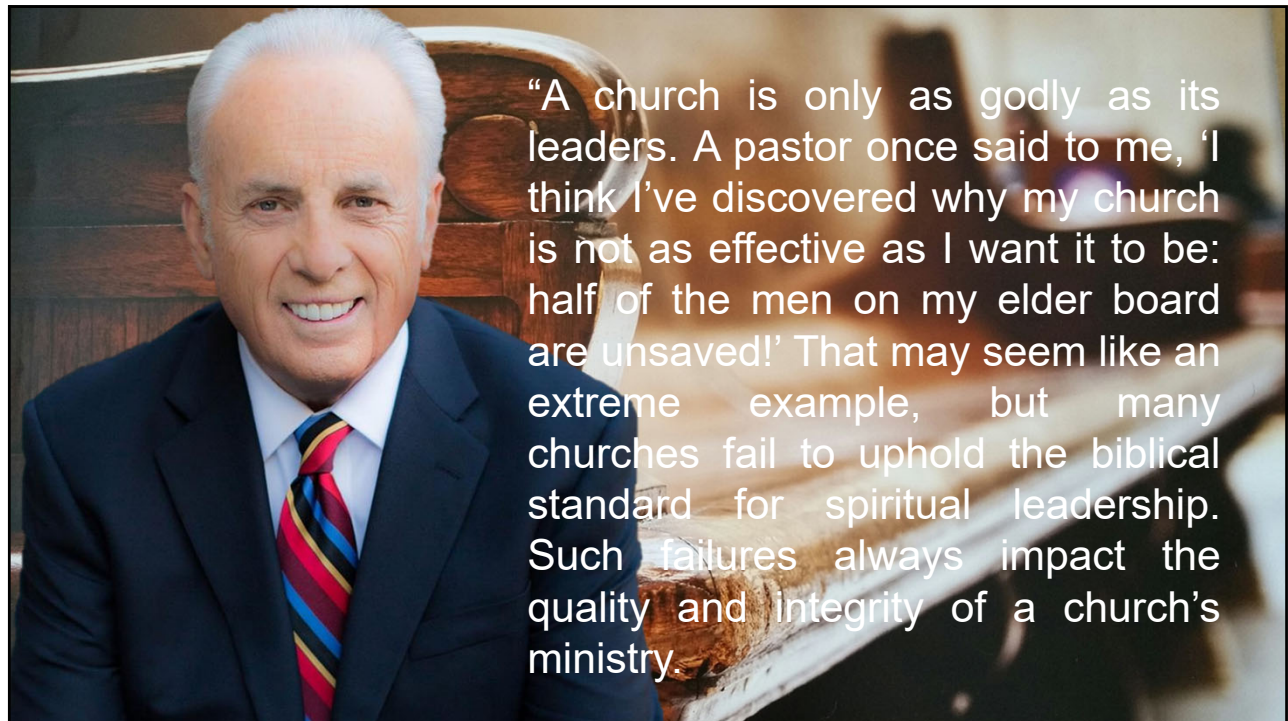
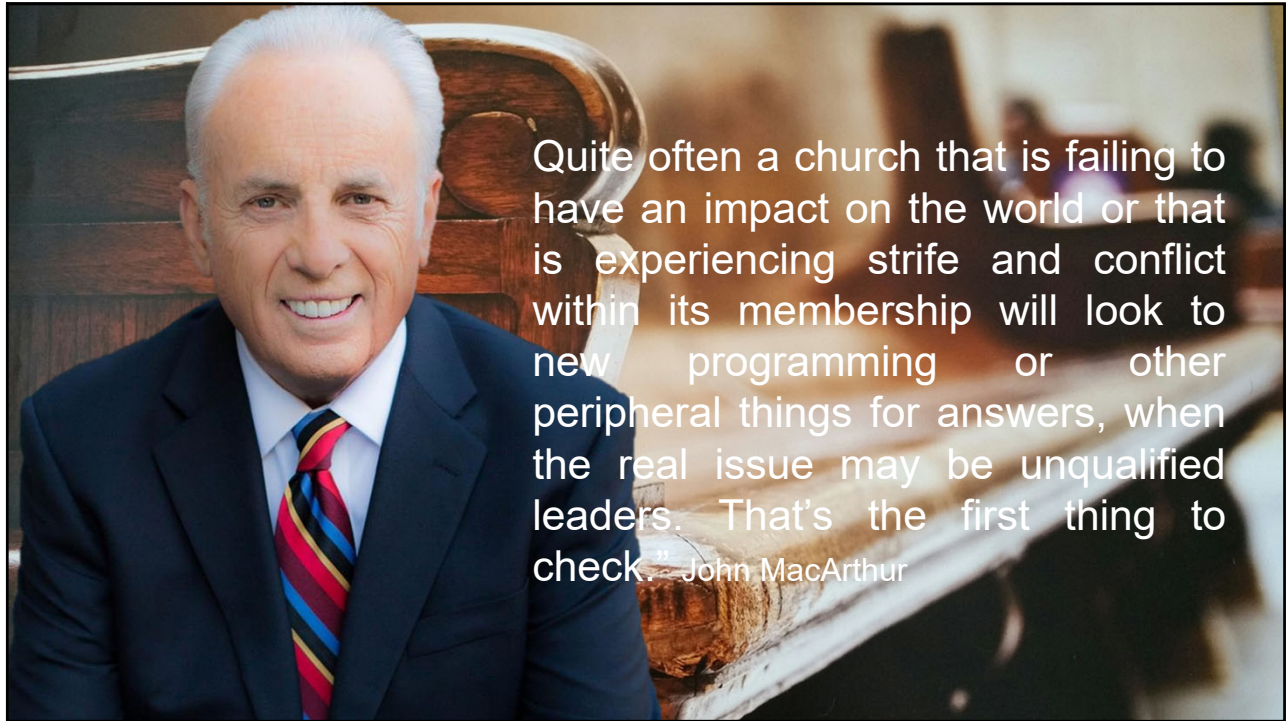




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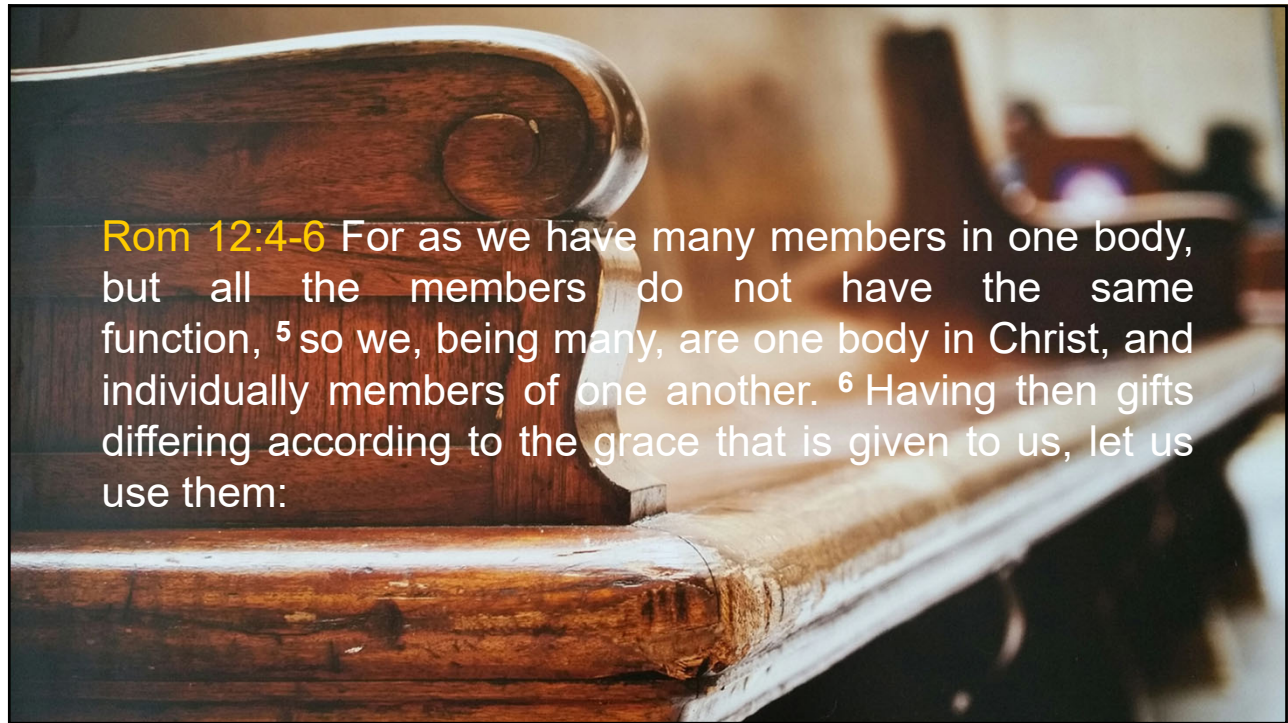
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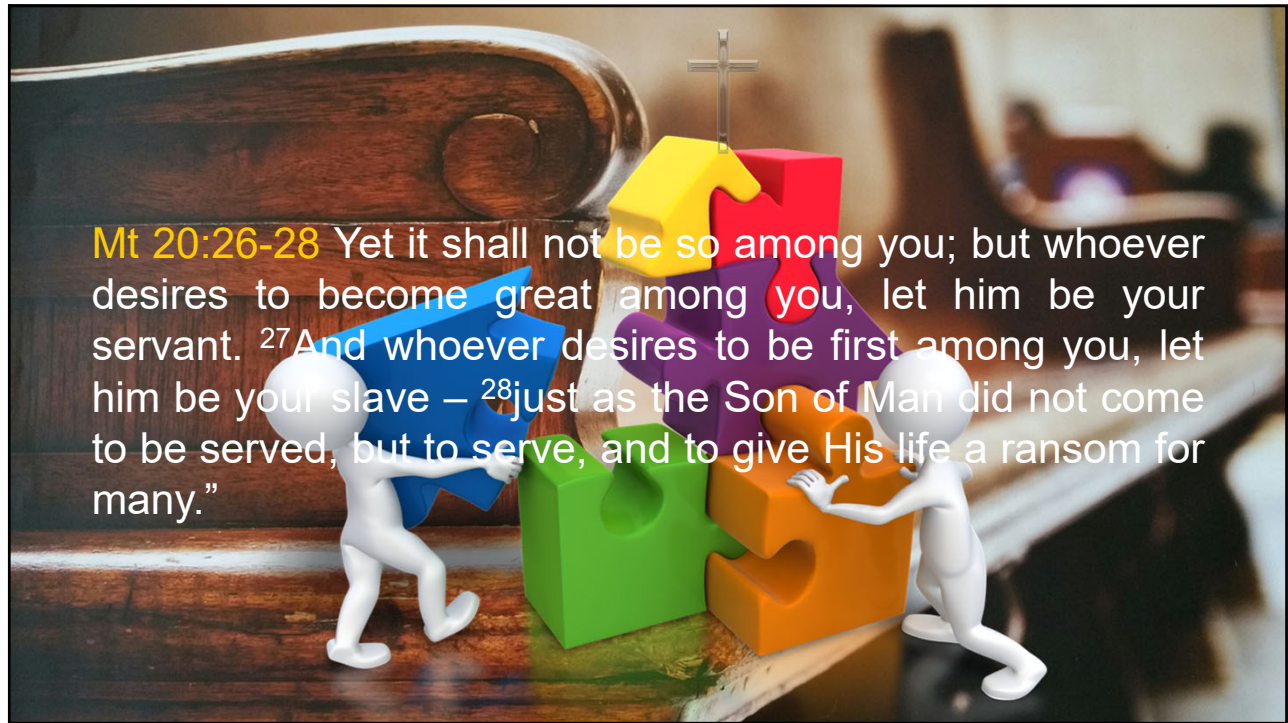
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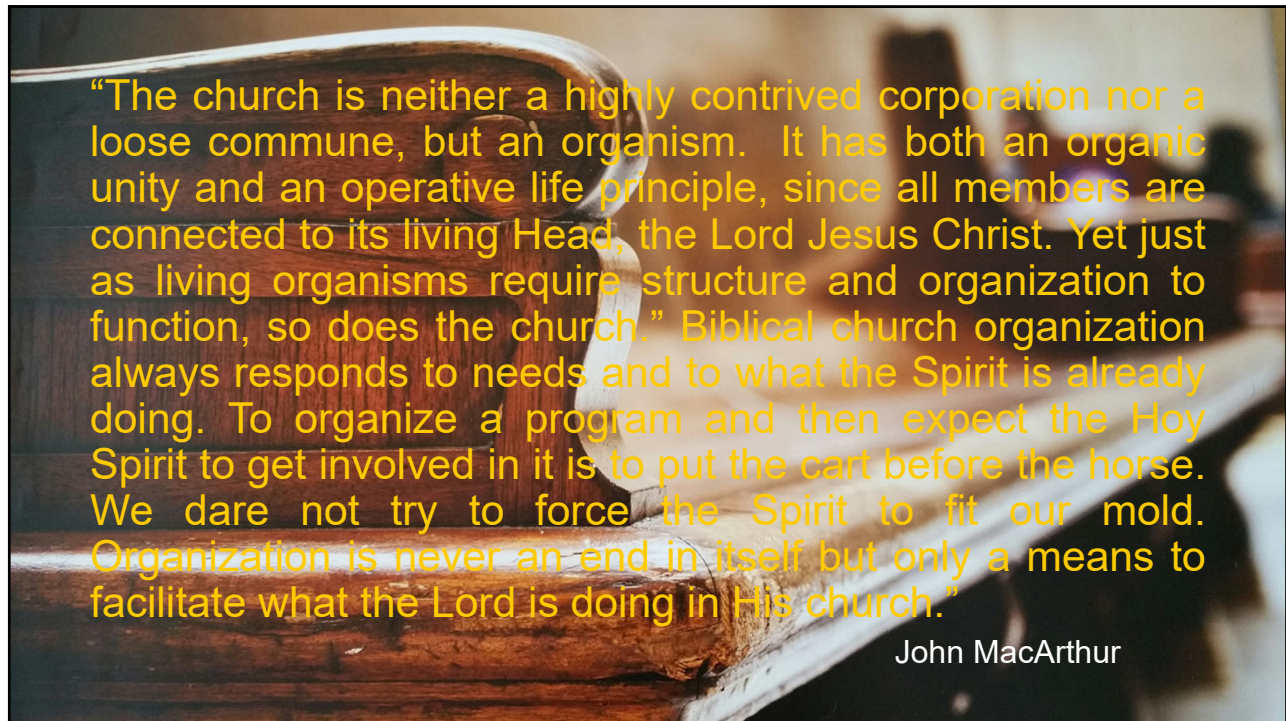
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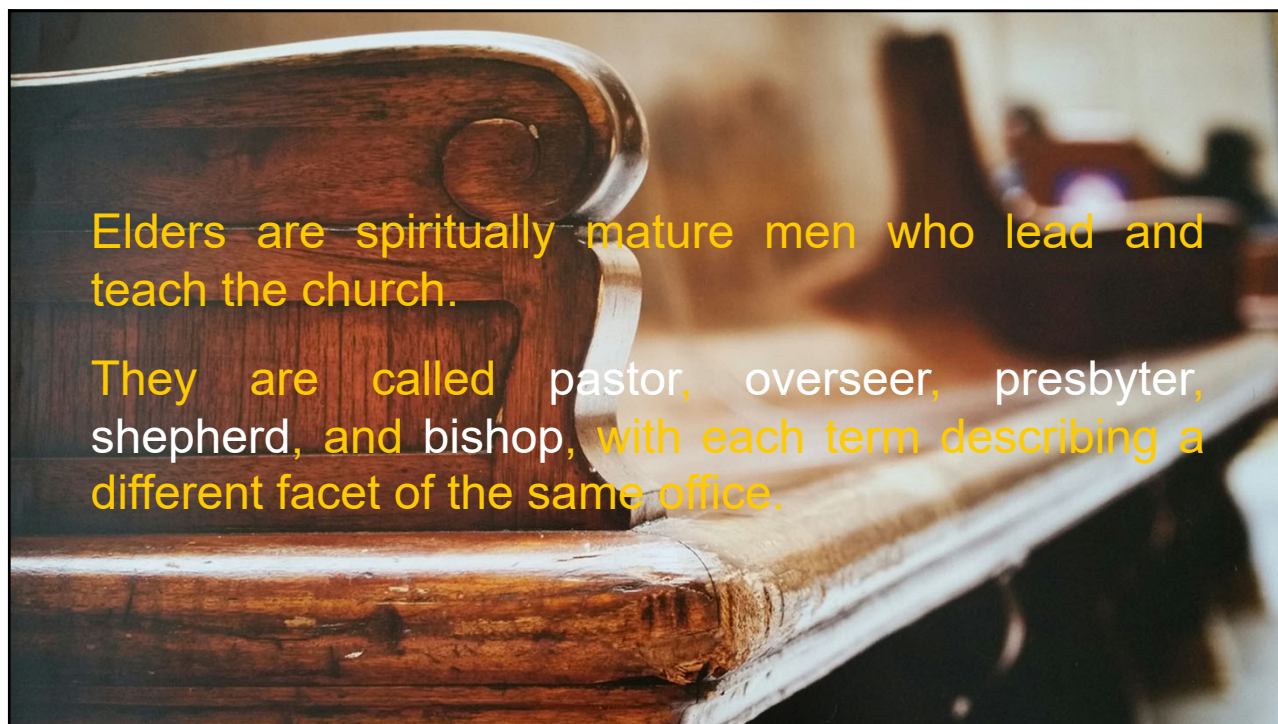
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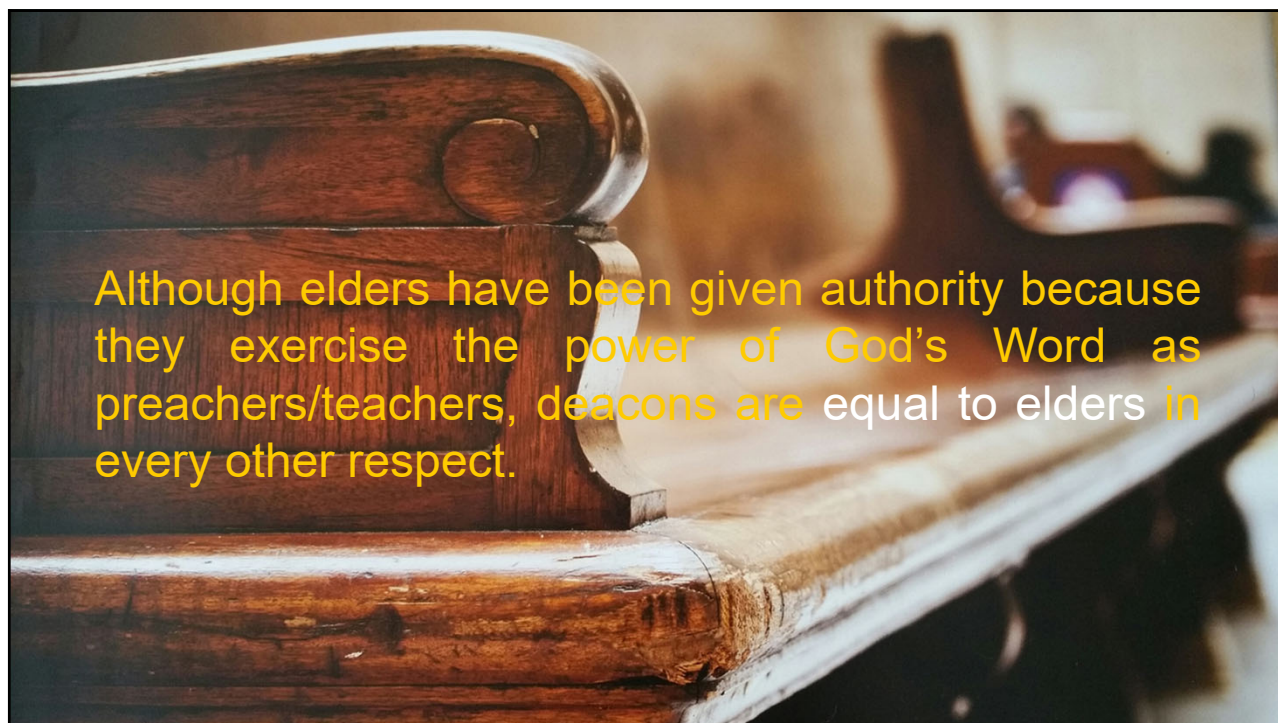
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Elders are spiritually mature men who lead and teach the church.

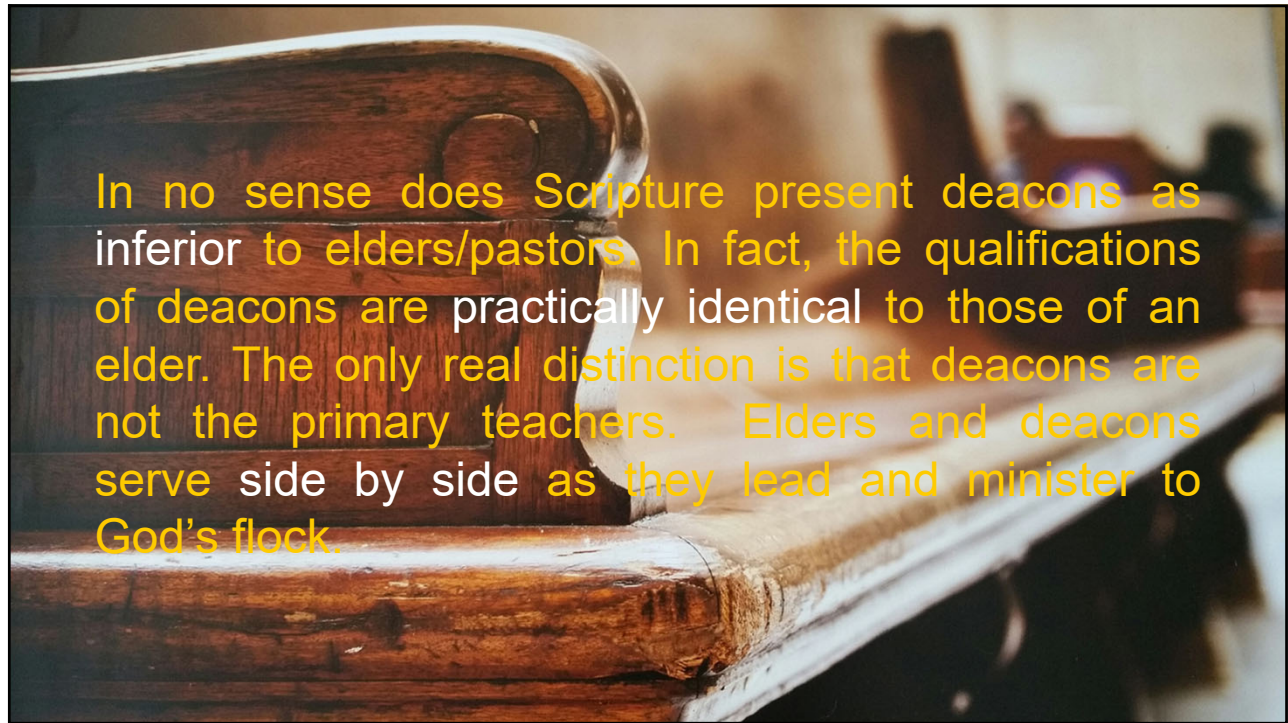
They are called pastor, overseer, presbyter, shepherd, and bishop, with each term describing a different facet of the same office.

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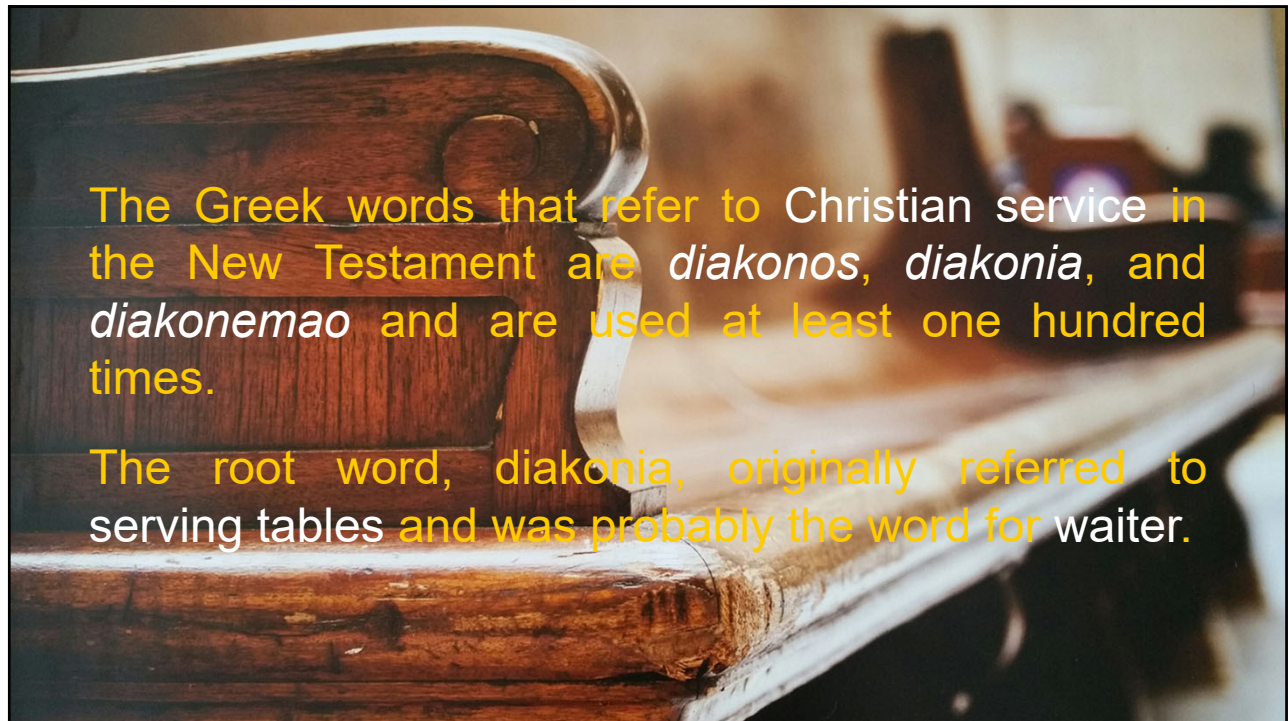
Although elders have been given authority because they exercise the power of God's Word as preachers/teachers, deacons are equal to elders in every other respect.

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In no sense does Scripture present deacons as inferior to elders/pastors. In fact, the qualifications of deacons are practically identical to those of an elder. The only real distinction is that deacons are not the primary teachers. Elders and deacons serve side by side as they lead and minister to God's flock.

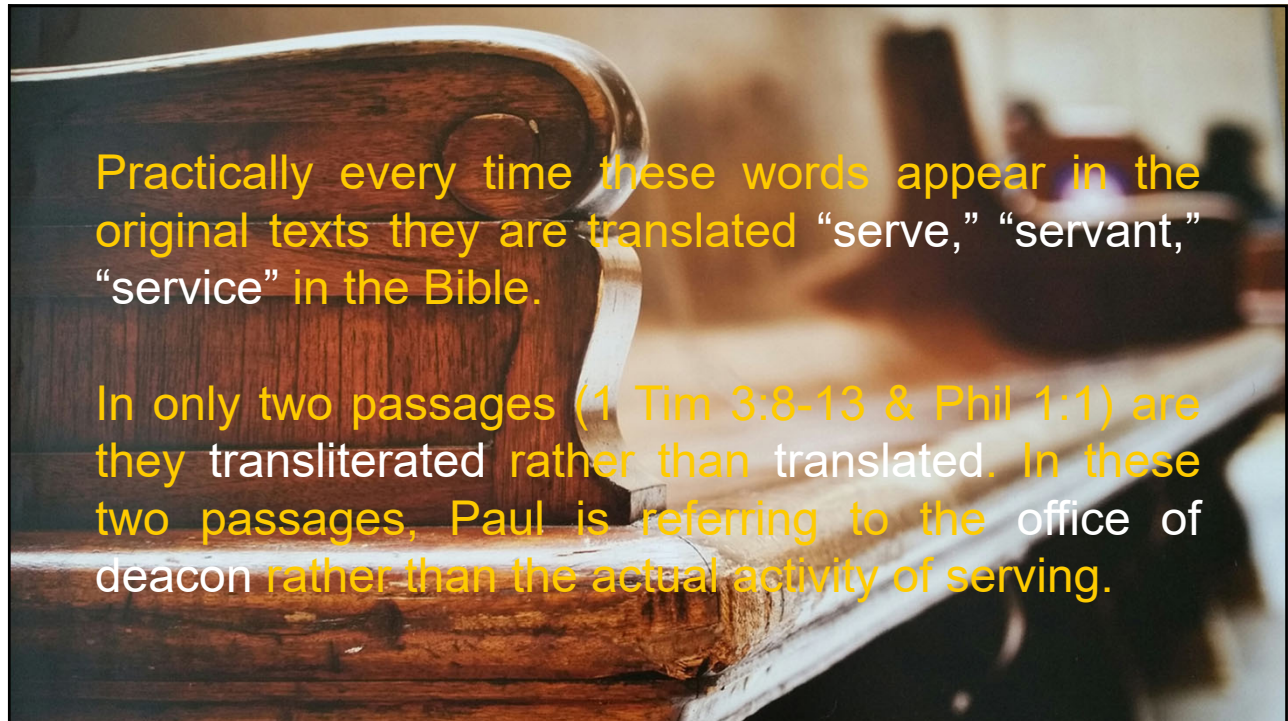
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The Greek words that refer to Christian service in the New Testament are *diakonos*, *diakonia*, and *diakonemao* and are used at least one hundred times.

The root word, *diakonia*, originally referred to serving tables and was probably the word for waiter.

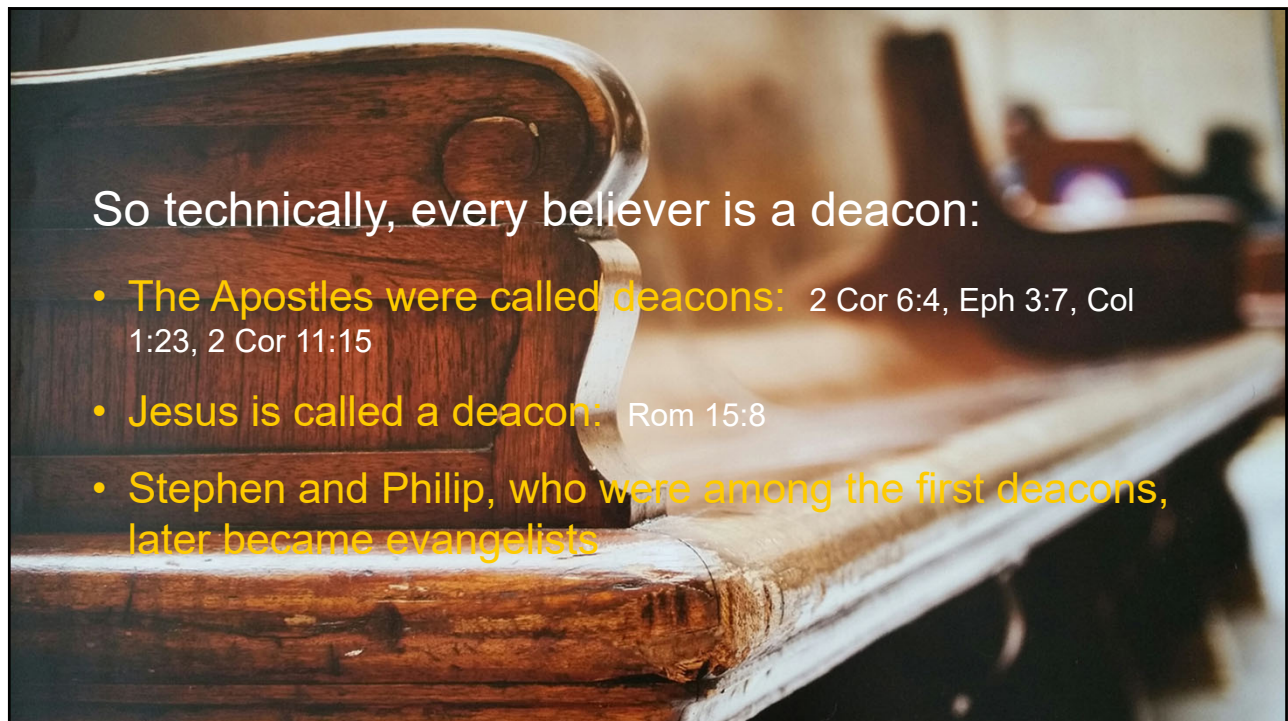
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Practically every time these words appear in the original texts they are translated “serve,” “servant,” “service” in the Bible.

In only two passages (1 Tim 3:8-13 & Phil 1:1) are they transliterated rather than translated. In these two passages, Paul is referring to the office of deacon rather than the actual activity of serving.

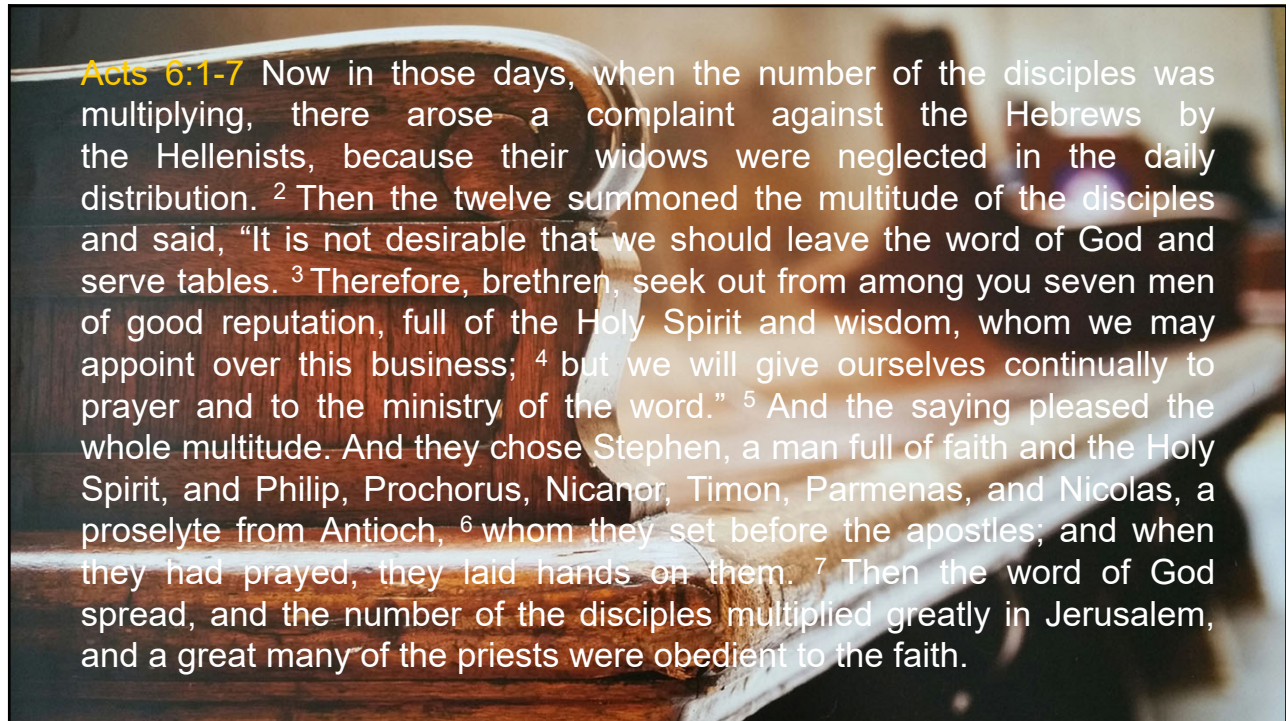
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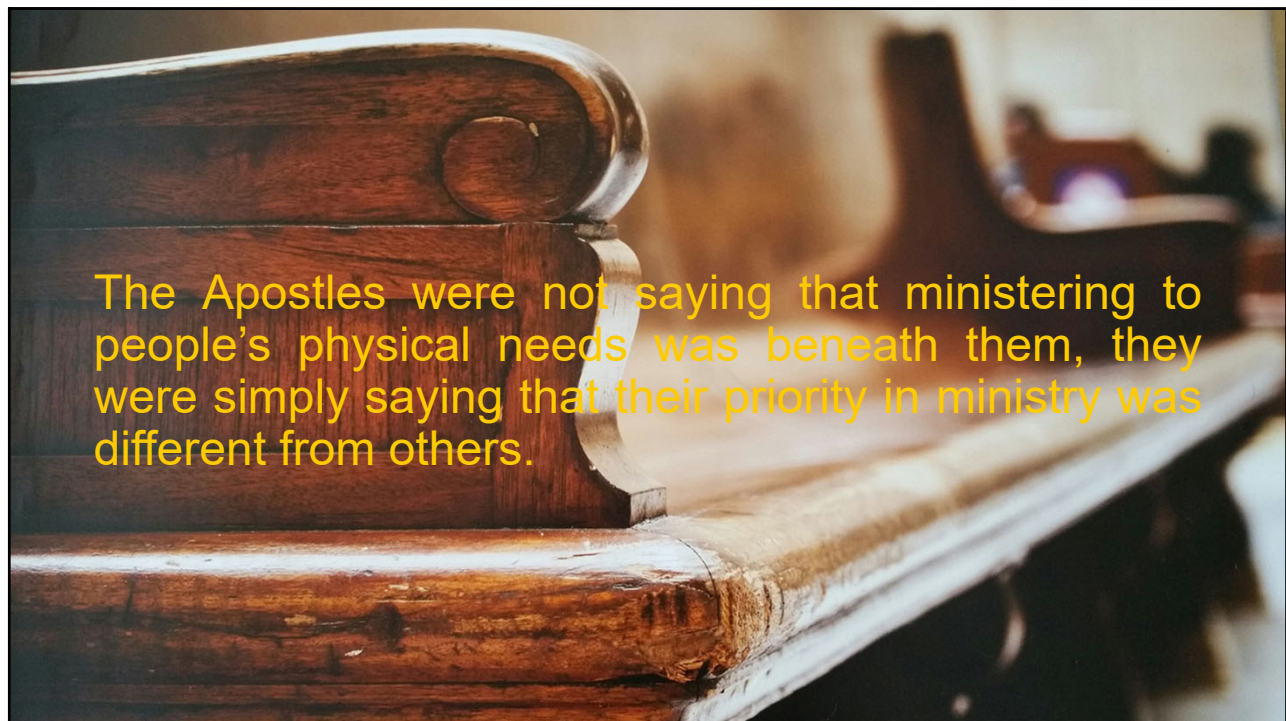
So technically, every believer is a deacon:

- The Apostles were called deacons: 2 Cor 6:4, Eph 3:7, Col 1:23, 2 Cor 11:15
- Jesus is called a deacon: Rom 15:8
- Stephen and Philip, who were among the first deacons, later became evangelists

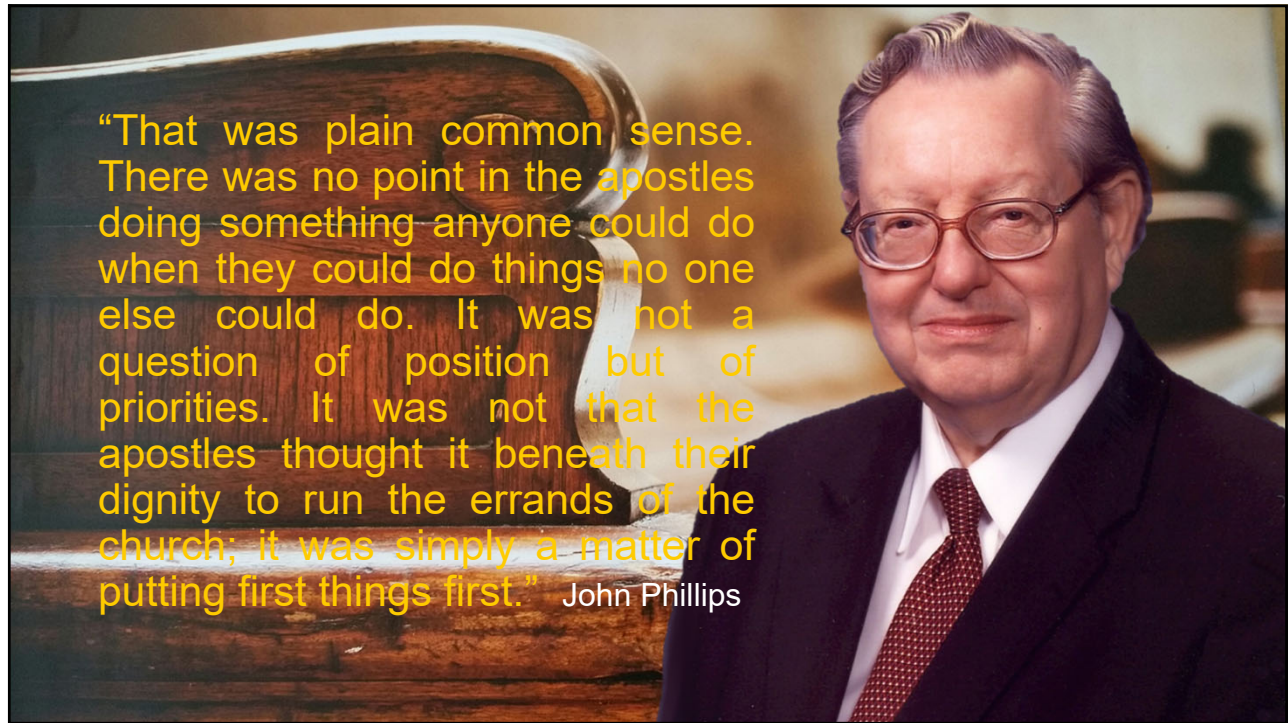
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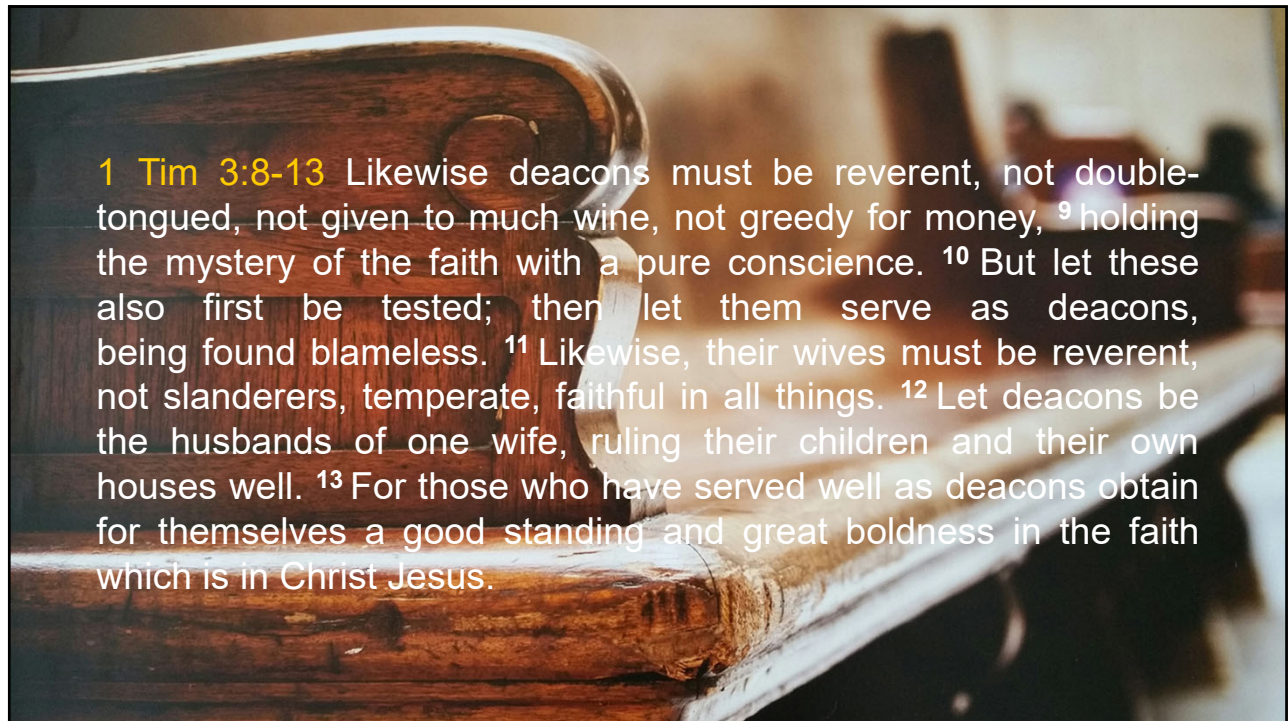
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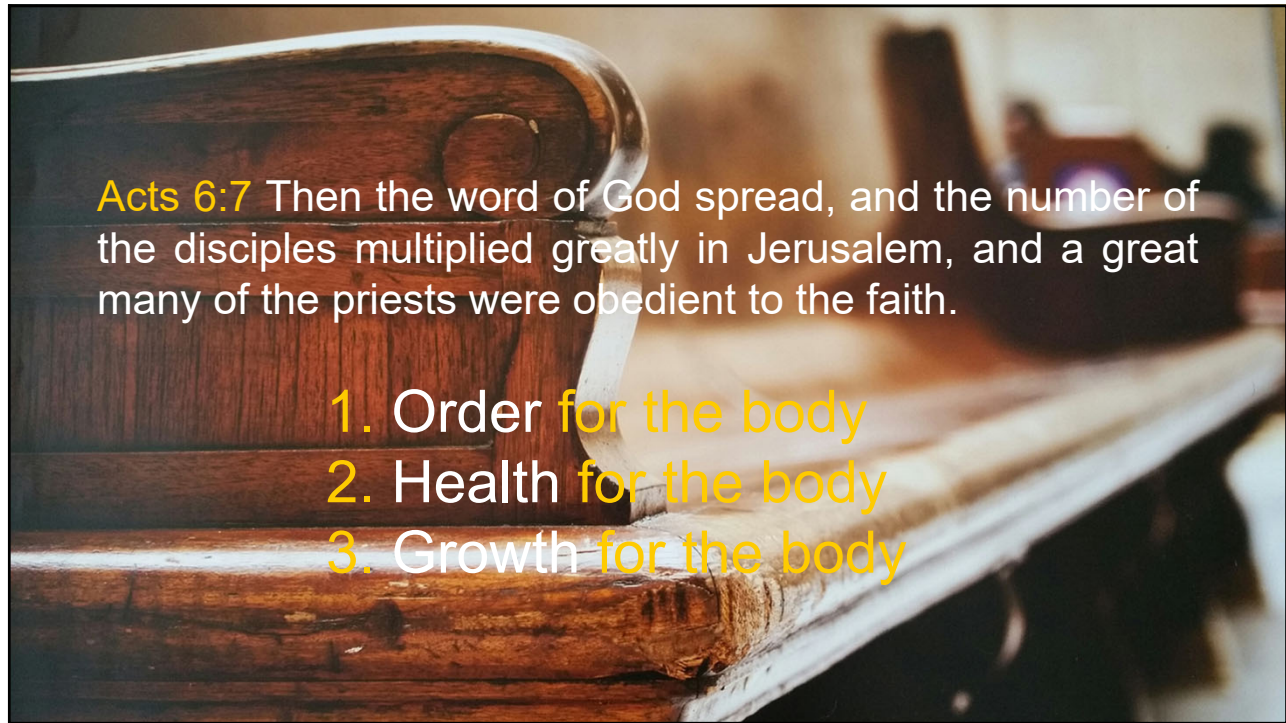
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Acts 6:7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

1. Order for the body
2. Health for the body
3. Growth for the body

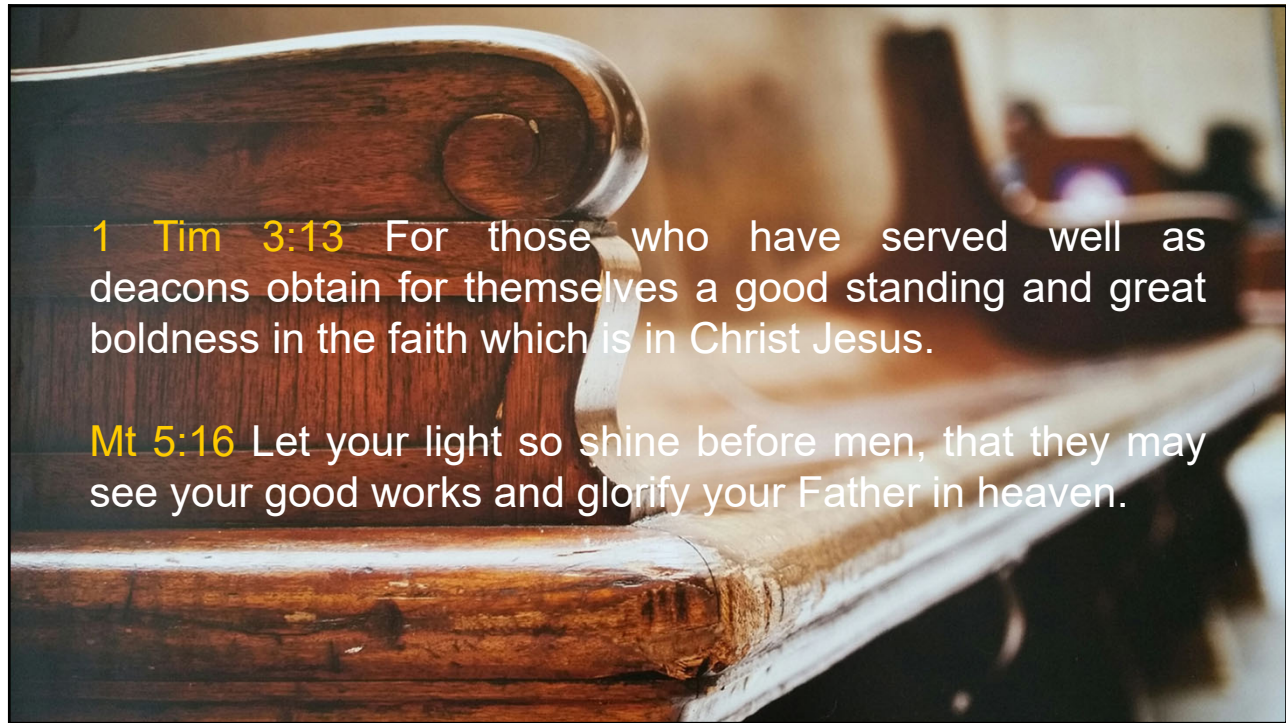
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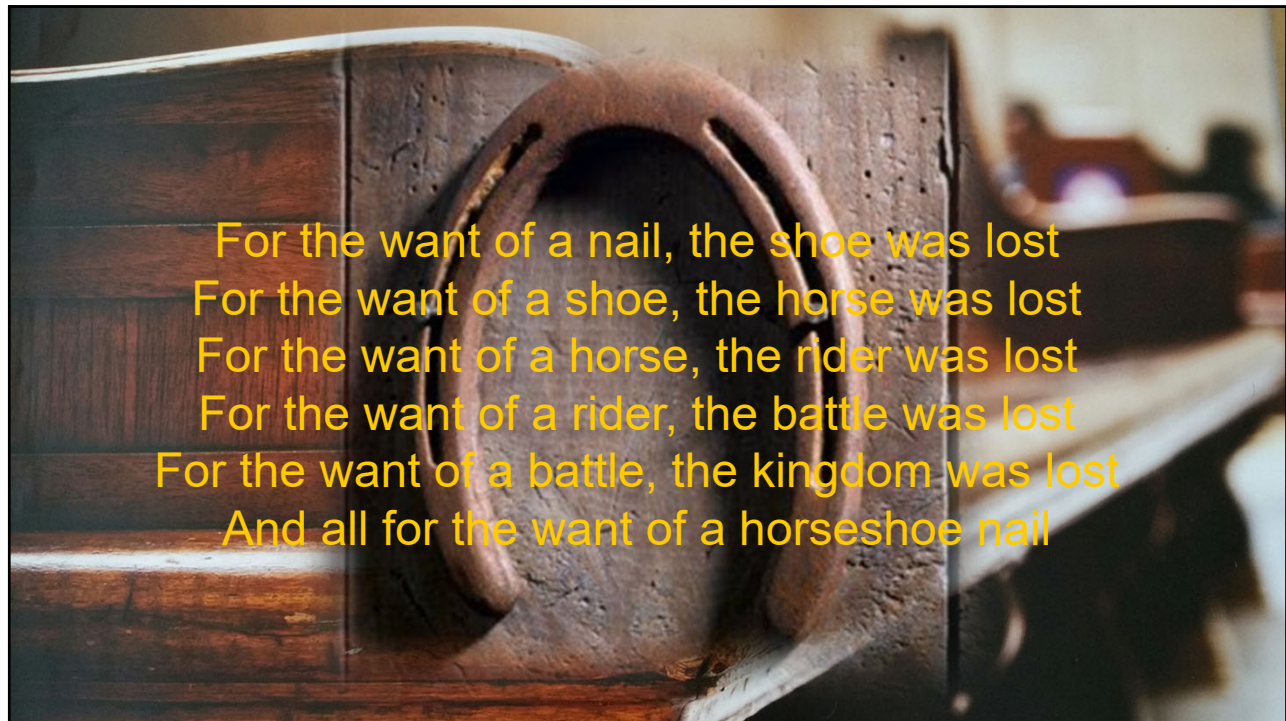
Deacon Flock Ministry

- New deacons will be chosen and trained based upon the number needed to fully minister our flock
- Each new deacon will be trained to minister to 10-15 families who will comprise their own, personal flock
- Each deacon will be assigned a yokefellow who will serve as their assistant
- Yokefellows will serve as potential deacons in training and may eventually be ordained as deacons themselves

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