

# Deacon Training

*PIE Event: Scioto Valley Presbytery*

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Who are you..?









WHY ARE  
WE HERE ?





# TRAINING DEACONS

So...what do you do?



I'm a cashier.



Oh, I didn't mean what do you do for money...



...I mean, what do you do for the world?

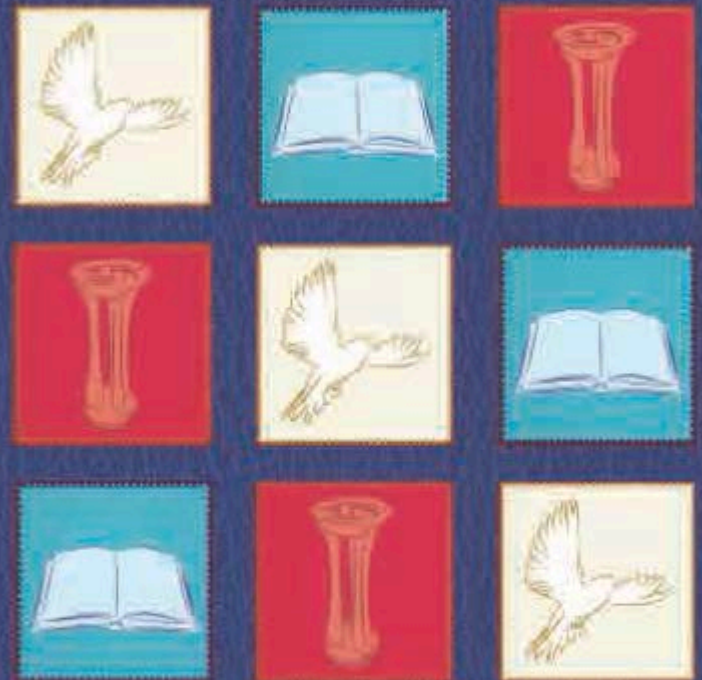






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# Acts 6:1-7

**1** About that time, while the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose. Greek-speaking disciples accused the Aramaic-speaking disciples because their widows were being overlooked in the daily food service.



# Acts 6:1-7

2 The Twelve called a meeting of all the disciples and said, “It isn’t right for us to set aside proclamation of God’s word in order to serve tables.

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3 Brothers and sisters, carefully choose seven well-respected men from among you. They must be well-respected and endowed by the Spirit with exceptional wisdom. We will put them in charge of this concern.



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4 As for us, we will devote ourselves to prayer and the service of proclaiming the word.”

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5 This proposal pleased the entire community. They selected Stephen, a man endowed by the Holy Spirit with exceptional faith, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.



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6 The community presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 God's word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. Even a large group of priests embraced the faith.





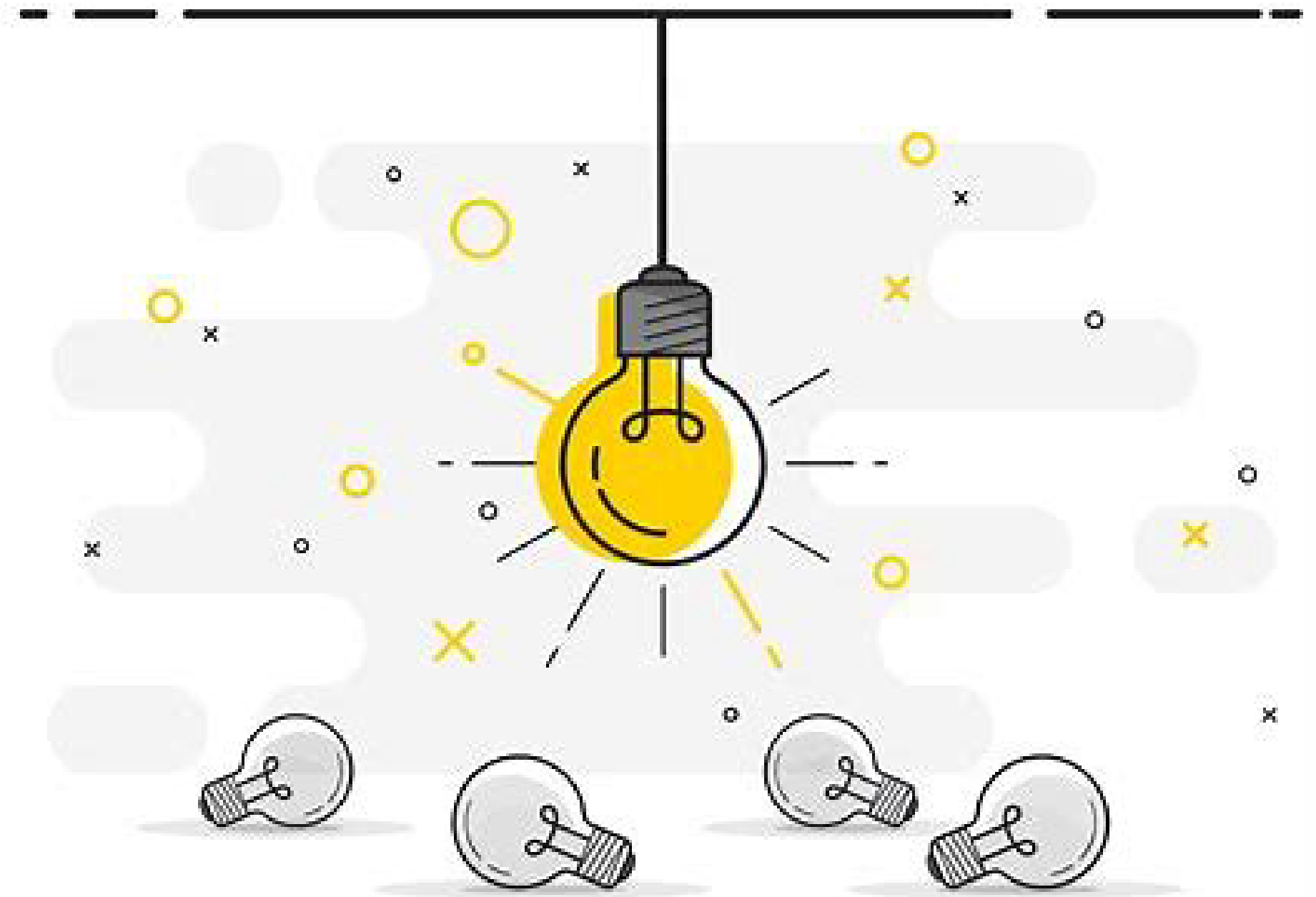
# 1 Timothy 3:8-13

8 Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; 9 they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons.

# 1 Timothy 3:8-13

11 Women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be married only once, and let them manage their children and their households well; 13 for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.







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# Under the Authority of Session

*“Deacons may be given special assignments”*

- *Pastoral Care*
- *Christian Education/Discipleship*
- *Stewardship*
- *Handling monetary requests*
- *Overseeing buildings and property*
- *Assisting with Lord's Supper*



# Ordination Questions

- *Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?*
- *Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?*

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*Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*



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