

Foster - Deacon #3

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(MINISTER)

Now, as an ordained Minister of the Gospel, I Gary Lanier, along with our ordained deacons, Weldon James, Bill Herron, and Foster McLain open this glorious service to the ordination of the the following men to the office of deacon; a servant position, appointed by God through the leadership of the Holy Spirit:

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(DEACON #1) In that we are a council of deacons, having served before in this office in other Baptist Churches...

(MINISTER) And that I am a Minister of the Gospel duly ordained by this body of believers...

(DEACON #2) We now represent our fellowship, Regional Baptist Church in examining these men by asking them to respond in unison to our prepared statements...

→(DEACON #3) After which, they will then be presented to you for approval as ordained Deacons, willing to serve in this God appointed office to His glory and the benefit of our fellowship.

(MINISTER) Let us begin.

The word diakonos, Greek for Deacon, means servant or one who serves. If you will serve in the office of Deacon, please repeat the following words of this council:

...As a believer in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior,

...in good conscience with all humility;

...I will serve in the office of Deacon,

...not as one who controls others,

...but as one who is controlled by the Holy Spirit.

(DEACON #1)

...I realise that I have been set apart

...to serve Regional Baptist Church;

...And that my life will be a Christian example

...for others to follow.

(DEACON #2)

...When I do fail someone

...by the sin of omission or commission,

...I will be quick to confess and repent,

...asking forgiveness when necessary;

...And leaving no place for the work of the adversary.

→(DEACON #3)

...I also realise,

...I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

...Therefore by faith,

...I gladly receive His strength,

...for without Him I can do nothing;

...But with Him all things are possible.

(DEACON #1)

...I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

...It is useful for teaching the truth,

...it helps me realise when I do wrong,

...it is useful for correcting,

...and training in what is right,

...so that the man of God may be complete,

...thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(DEACON #2)

This concludes the statements of the council. After examining these men and considering their willingness to respond to our dialogue; But more than that, after seeing that their lives truly reflect a strong faith and Christian love as a result of their relationship with God, we hereby present them to Regional Baptist Church for your approval as the first ordained Deacons of this body of believers.

(MINISTER)

If you approve, let them know by a hardy round of applause to the glory of God!

Gentlemen, we hereby declare to the world that Regional Baptist Church acknowledges you as ordained Deacons, appointed Servants of the Lord as presented in the Bible.

→(DEACON #3)

Will you please kneel as we the council and other members that feel led, lay hands on you in an act of faith as we pray for you and speak words of encouragement as the Spirit leads.

(MINISTER- closing prayer & chorus)

Let us all join hands and sing together, WE ARE ONE IN THE BOND OF LOVE.

(The End)