



Acts 6:1-6

Who initiated the process of selecting deacons in this passage? (vv. 2-3)

Who chose these 7 men to be deacons in this passage? (vv. 3, 5, 6)

What criteria were they given? (v. 3) Was this a popularity contest?

Who appointed these 7 men to be deacons in this passage? (vv. 3, 6)

What is the difference between choosing and appointing in this passage?

Acts 11:23

Who appointed the elders in each of these churches? (compare Acts 13:3)

Acts 20:28

Who does Paul say made these men overseers in the church?

1 Tim 5:17-22

In the context of instructions regarding elders (vv. 17-21), who is said to have been responsible for "laying hands" on these men? (v. 22)

Was Timothy given any direction in fulfilling this responsibility? (3:1-13) Note particularly v. 10... how might these men have been "tested"?

Tit 1:5-9

Who was entrusted with the responsibility of appointing elders in Crete? What kind of direction was Titus given in fulfilling this responsibility?

Application

Does the Holy Spirit make men church leaders today? (**Acts 20:28**) In what way?

Who should be involved in the selecting of men to serve as church leaders? (**Acts 6:2-3**)

Is there anyone entrusted with the responsibility or authority of “appointing” or “laying hands” on church leaders today? (**Acts 6:3; 14:23; 1 Tim 5:22; Tit 1:5**)

Practically speaking, how might we apply all the above principles in selecting / appointing overseers and deacons among us?