

Stockton Bible Chapel

Deacon's Mission Statement...

My purpose is to glorify God by serving His body through caring for the operational aspects of the church, that the elders may devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13).

Reliance on God: I shall seek God's wisdom and His ways both in my conduct and ministry.

Submission to Elders: I shall serve under the leadership of the elders (Acts 6:3,6).

Personal Holiness: I shall strive to be a godly man, recognizing that deaconship is a high calling (1 Timothy 3:13), requiring men full of the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:3), having Christ-like character, even as the elders (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

Faithfulness: I recognize that "it is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). My work shall be executed promptly, with professionalism and excellence.

Servant-leadership: I shall not forget that I am called to serve the saints. I will give the time needed to develop and to maintain proper relationships with them. I will minister with special emphasis to those that I have recruited to serve with me in ministry, keeping the needs of my team as a higher priority than the task before us. I will seek to inspire others to ministry, providing training, direction, and encouragement. I will be a servant-leader, not simply a handyman.

Team Spirit: I will seek to work well with my fellow deacons, to form a consensus during decision making, and to maintain our unity. I will not engage in endless discussion. I will yield to those who have a greater knowledge of a matter or to those who will be more closely involved in its execution. I will not take offense when things are not done my way. Neither will I work in opposition to a decision once it has been made.

Accountability: I will hold myself accountable to my fellow deacons, being transparent and accepting counsel and criticism.

Confidentiality: I will not discuss with others sensitive matters or information that is scheduled to be made public at a later date.