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CHURCH BUILDING

"Building Maintenance"

God's program for Deacons

I. Building Up!

Acts 6:1a

Application point: Whenever you are experiencing the blessings of God – BUCKLE UP!

Luke 17:1

II. Wearing Out!

Acts 6:1b

The one & only issue given to us as to how a church "breaks down" – is when there arises murmuring among the members.

Bible Principle for all Christians: "It's not about YOU"

Mark 10:42-45

Philippians 2:3-5

John 6:43

Philippians 2:14-16

1 Corinthians 10:1

REF: OT example of Israel – in the wilderness.

Exodus 16:7-8

Num 14 – "Let's go BACK to Egypt!"

v.27 – God calls them an "evil congregation"

vv.29-30 – their punishment is to NOT enter the Promised Land.

Promised land = Maturity

Romans 15:1-3

III. Service Call!

Acts 6:3

QUALIFICATIONS:

(Acts 6:3)

- Honest Report
- Full of the Holy Ghost
- (Full of) Wisdom

(1Tim 3:8-13)

- Grave
- Not double-tongued (1 Chronicles 12:33)
- Not given to much wine
- Not greedy of filthy lucre (1 Timothy 6:10)
- Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience
- PROVED
- Blameless (Philippians 2:14-15)

The Deacon's WIVES

- Grave
 - Not Slanderers
 - Sober
 - Faithful in all things
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- Husbands of one wife
 - Ruling their children and their own houses well

RESULT: MORE GROWTH!

Acts 6:7