

# Selection and Appointment of Elders and Deacons

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# The Action of the Church in the Selection

*“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:28)*

# The Action of the Church in the Selection

*“Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, **the Holy Spirit said**, ‘Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, **they** (the church-rsb) **sent them away**. So, being **sent out by the Holy Spirit**, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.” (Acts 13:1-4)*

# The Difference Between Choosing and Appointing

*“Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, we whom may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Porchorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.” (Acts 6:3-6)*

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*“Now concerning the collection for the saints...when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.” (1Cor.16:1-3)*

*“And we have sent with him (Titus-rsb) the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches, and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift...if our brethren are inquired about, they are messengers (lit. “sent ones”-rsb) of the churches, the glory of Christ.” (2Cor.8:18-19,23)*

# The Difference Between Choosing and Appointing

*“And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.”  
(1Thess.5:12-13)*

# How Is the Choosing to Be Done?

- Select only those who appear to be qualified (1Tim.3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9)
- “Let all things be done decently and in order” (1Cor.14:40,33)
- “Without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality” (1Tim.5:21)
- Choosing should be motivated by love (1Cor.13:4-7)

# Appointment of Elders or Deacons

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