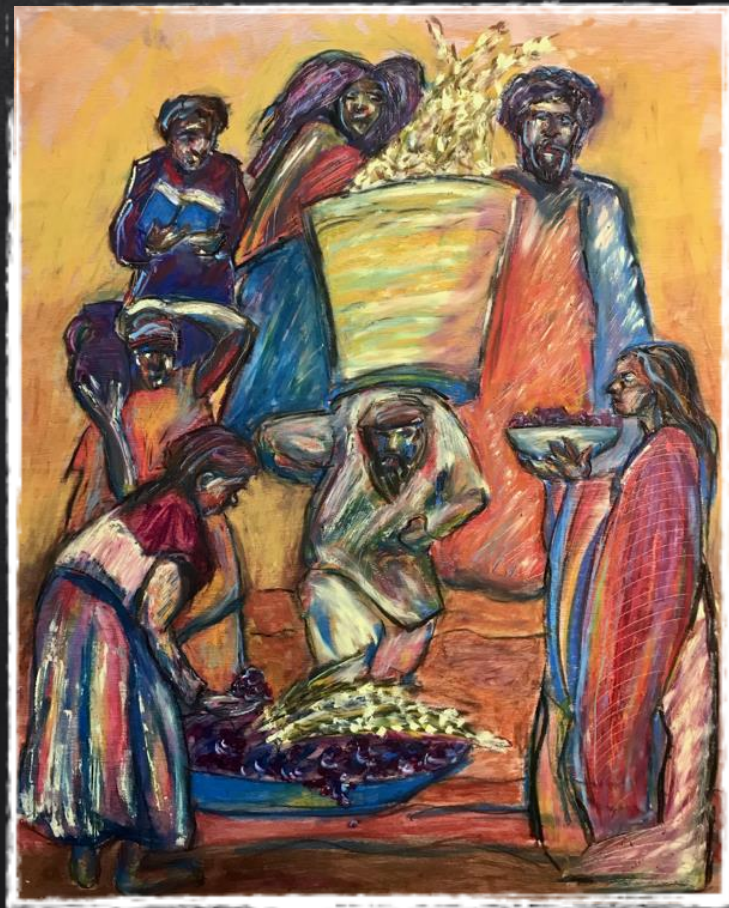
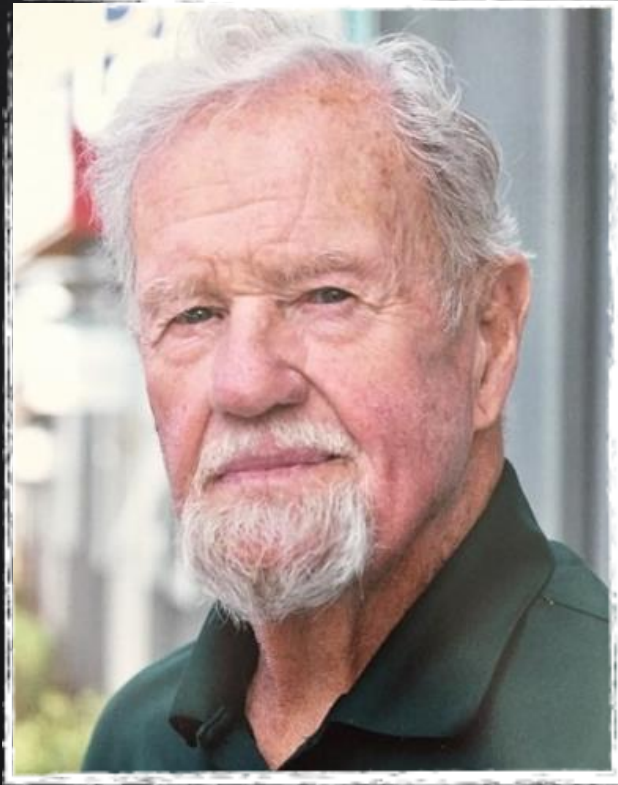


*Servant
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Acts 6 - 7



YOU NEVER KNOW WHO IS SITTING NEXT TO YOU.



“For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:3-4)

“Beloved, we are God’s children now and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” (1 John 3:2)

“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:5, 9)

DEACON (*diakonos*)

- One who renders service or waits on tables
- One who gets something done at the behest of their superior
- An agent or messenger who executes a commission
- A servant leader who demonstrates practical loving care for others

1. Deacons meet practical needs.
2. Deacons ensure that no one falls through the cracks of the community.
3. A deacon's service opens the door for the gospel to go out beyond the four walls of the church.

1 Timothy 3:8-10

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.

1 Timothy 3:11

11 ~~Their wives~~ *Gunaikas* likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.

“I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a *diakonos* of the church at Cenchreae, that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.” (Romans 16:1-2)

1 Timothy 3:12-13

12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

APPLICATION

- Pray for us.
- Self-evaluate.
- Volunteer to be tested.
- Prepare your heart to serve.

“Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being, for the Lord and not for men, because you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” (Colossians 3:23-24)

“But whoever would be great among you must be your *diakonos*... Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve (*diakoneō*), and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:26, 28)

“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my *diakonos* be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” (John 12:26)