

## The Ministry of the Deacon I

Deacons are leaders who help to carry the load with the key leaders.

Deacons are servant leaders who serve with the key leaders.

Deacons are an extension of the key leaders.

- There are many leadership models.

There is the authoritative leadership model.

There is the solo leadership model.

There is the team leadership model.

There is the servant leadership model.

There is the shared power leadership model.

### I

The original leader was alone and God said *it is not good*.

<sup>KJV</sup> **Genesis 2:18** And the LORD God said, **It is not good** that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Genesis 2:18** And the LORD God said, "**It is not good** that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

*The original leader had a helper that was suitable, adaptable and appropriate for Him.*

- The solution was they shared power, rule, service and leadership.

### II

Another leader was alone and his father-in-law said *this is not good*.

Consider *Exodus 18:14-17*

The threat was the leader and the people will wear out with this model.

Consider *Exodus 18:19-23*

The council is to share power with leaders of character. *Vs 21a*

The solution is to share power based on the capacity of the leader. *Vs 21b*

- Thousands are tribes.
- Hundreds are sections.
- Fifties are teams.
- Tens are small groups.

### III

In Israel's liturgical community worship leaders were selected.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Exodus 29:44** "So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also **consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests**."

Servant leaders were given as helpers in service and leadership.

Consider *Numbers 3:9-13*

These servant leaders were appointed by God for work and service.

The Holy Spirit knows who to appoint.

- *It is not good for leaders to be alone.*
- *Leaders can share power with others, with character and capacity.*
- *Servant leaders help to carry the load of ministry with the key leaders.*