Elders and Deacons in the New Testament

Does the presence of Elders threaten or reduce my potential to participate in the life of the church? (Does it mean I have less input?)

(who have some biblically grounded authority to guide, direct, govern the church)

Does it have to potential to change **how** I participate?

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Last Week:

Background and function of Elders in scripture

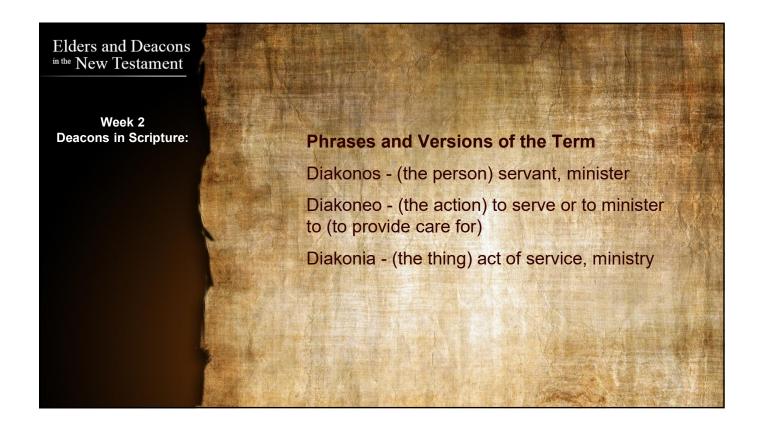
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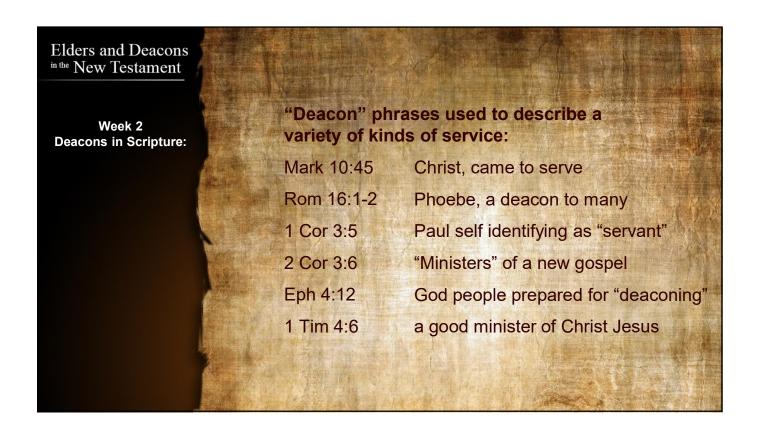
Jewish roots, although not exclusive to Israel Associated with priests and teachers of the law NT elder NOT a continuation of OT priest

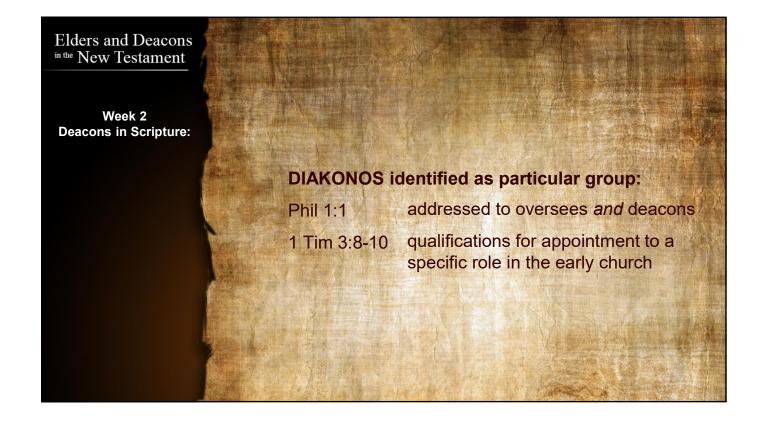
Function in the early church

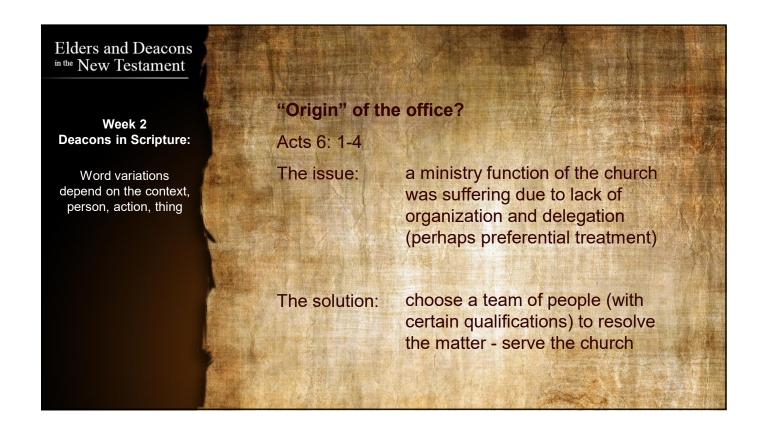
General oversight of the church, direction (Acts 20)
Teaching scripture, boundaries of doctrine (1 Tim, Heb 13)
Encourage, protect, be example (1 Pet, Titus)

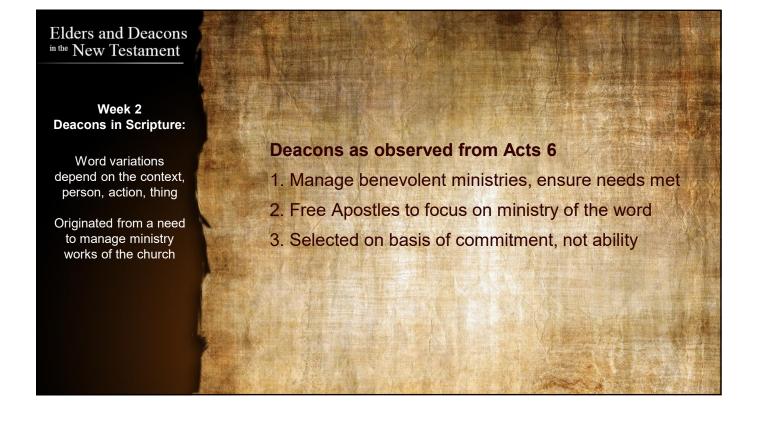
Elders and Deacons in the New Testament Week 2 - Deacons in the New Testament Variations on the name / word When and why was the role created? What were the various responsibilities?











The governance structures for many Baptist churches today have a history and evolution to them that need to be considered and understood before change can be proposed. Each church's unique history matters.

Although the concept of our governance structure is not <u>explicitly</u> wrong, it is suffering the <u>lack of a biblical foundation.</u>



