**HONORING THE DEACONS**

[Proverbs 27:2](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/NIV/Proverbs-27.asp?passage=Proverbs%2027%3A2&ScrptureHover=sermon-161040-Deacon%20Appreciation%20Service)

**Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.**

**INTRO:**

**1. I am honored and privileged to be the man – the pastor – that gets to lift up these men in honor to the Lord!**

**2.** [**Proverbs 20:6**](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/NIV/Proverbs-20.asp?passage=Proverbs%2020%3A6&ScrptureHover=sermon-161040-Deacon%20Appreciation%20Service)**Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?**

**3. I’m glad to say we have found faithful men who do not seek honor or seek to proclaim their own goodness, but do serve the Lord faithfully.**

**4. I Corinthians 4:2 2**[**Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-4-2/)

**5. I want to take the word FAITHFUL and tell you how this word describes these men.**

**I. F - Stands for FAITH**

**\*\*Romans 1:17 17**[**For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-1-17/)

**\*\*Hebrews 11:7 6**[**But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-11-6/)

**\*\*Deacons are to be leaders in the faith!**

**II. A – Stands for AVAILABLE**

**\*\*** [**Proverbs 25:19**](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/NIV/Proverbs-25.asp?passage=Proverbs%2025%3A19&ScrptureHover=sermon-161040-Deacon%20Appreciation%20Service)**Confidence in an unfaithful man in time**

**of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
\*\***[**II Timothy 4:11**](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/NIV/2-Timothy%204.asp?passage=2%20Timothy%204%3A11&ScrptureHover=sermon-161040-Deacon%20Appreciation%20Service)**Paul said to Timothy, “Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.”**

**\*\*Deacons are people that the Preacher and the People can count on to be available and profitable to the ministry.**

**\*\*I’m glad we have deacons that are available that will add and multiply the ministry of the church instead of subtracting and dividing the ministry of the church.**

**III. I – Stands for INTEGRITY**

**Proverbs 20:7 7**[**The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-20-7/)

**\*\*Deacons are to be honest and have moral principles and uprightness.**

**IV. T – Stands for TIME**

**\*\*Ephesians 5:16 16**[**Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-5-16/)

**\*\*Faithfulness is a requirement of all Christians, but especially deacons.**

**\*\*In order to be faithful, it takes sacrificing and redeeming a lot of time! You cannot be faithful without taking the time to be faithful.**

**V. H – Stands for HUMILITY**

**\*\*James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

**\*\*These men have proven to be humble in their faithfulness, and the Lord and the church is lifting these men up because of their humbleness and faithfulness.**

**VI. F – Stands for FRIEND**

**\*\*Proverbs 18:24 24**[**A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-18-24/)

**\*\*A true deacon is a faithful friend to the Church, the Clergy, and to Christ.**

**VII. U – Stands for UNDERSTANDING**

**\*\***[**Exodus 36:1**](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/NIV/Exodus-36.asp?passage=Exodus%2036%3A1&ScrptureHover=sermon-161040-Deacon%20Appreciation%20Service)**Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.**

**\*\*The Lord helps deacons by giving them wisdom and understanding concerning the work of the church when they apply themselves to being faithful to God.**

**VIII. L – Stands for LOVE**

**\*\*** [**Luke 10:27**](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/NIV/Luke-10.asp?passage=Luke%2010%3A27&ScrptureHover=sermon-161040-Deacon%20Appreciation%20Service)**And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, anl thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.**

**\*\*True Deacons loves the Lord and that is why they are so faithful!**

**CLOSE**

**1. These men have proven to be faithful, and that is why we are honoring them today.**

**2. So now I encourage you to continue in faithfulness as according to** [**1 Corinthians 15:58**](http://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/NIV/1-Corinthians%2015.asp?passage=1%20Corinthians%2015%3A58&ScrptureHover=sermon-161040-Deacon%20Appreciation%20Service)**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

**THE DEACONS OF PINE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Brother Wendell opens the door and greets everybody that comes in,**

**Brother James leads the choir and says, “Come on let’s sing it again.”**

**Brother Lewis is our treasurer and makes sure the bills are paid**

**You’ll see Brother Lonzie cutting the grass, or fixing things at church, on any given day.**

**Brother Clay has always come when there were many or when there were few,**

**And no tongue can tell all the contributions that have been given to Pine Ridge by dear Brother Hugh.**

**When I think of Brother Douglas – well, what can I say?**

**The memories are a testimony that he helped this church in so many wonderful ways.**

**Then there’s a voice I keep missing that’s not singing in the choir,**

**Brother Max was a true Christian that I’ll always admire.**

**Together these men have worshiped, cried and laughed, labored and worked**

**To give honor and glory to Jesus in a special place called Pine Ridge Baptist Church!**