

Baptist Deacon Ministry Bibliography

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General books on deacon ministry

These books have been in their era THE resource for deacon ministry:

- The first book on deacon ministry among Baptists in the South was written by R. C. B. Howell, pastor at Second Baptist in Richmond, VA. His book describes deacon ministry as a board whose purview is the secular or temporal affairs of the church while the pastor's province was the Spiritual.
- Burroughs' book set the Board of Directors approach for deacon ministry. Being a study course book it had wide influence on the development of deacon ministry.
- Naylor's book encouraged the selection of deacons based on spirituality not just business skills. It was a step away from business management.
- Foshee introduced two radical ideas, Deacon Rotation and the Deacon Family Ministry Plan. The idea of deacons serving ministers was a huge step back to a Biblical model.
- Sheffield's book enlarged deacon ministry to leadership, caring and proclamation.

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