

I Thes. 3:2. Then in Rom. 14:4 and 6, the phrase minister of God, and ministers of God is used three times. And who is there spoken of. Yes, Nero. Nero and Timothy are the two ministers of God spoken of God in the N.T. Nero is three times spoken of as the minister of God, Timothy is once called a minister of God.

(question) In other words, what does the word minister/ mean. It simply means a servant. It ~~means~~ means one who is doing a service for another. Now we have very wonderful statements, Paul says in Col. 1:25, whereof I am made a minister. Col. 1:23, the Gospel, whereof I Paul~~xxxx~~ am made a minister. ~~xxxx~~ Col. 1:7~~1~~, this friend of Paul's, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ. Eph. 6:21, he is a beloved brother and a faithful minister. Eph. 3:7, whereof I Paul was made a minister according to His wonderful grace. There are wonderful verses, here, for minister. But the same word is used for Nero. And the word, it tells, did it not say that when Paul and Barnabas went on their trip, they had John Mark for their minister. Well, ~~was~~ was he the one who preached to Paul and Barnabas. I think it is quite evident that the word minister, as used in the old English in the King James, simply means a servant. One who performs certain functions ~~at~~ which are given to him; you cannot derive much, then, from ~~the~~ it.

Well, now, I was reading last night a very interesting work by a very ~~of~~ godly man. Who was discussing the positions. What does the N.T. teach about the different positions~~at~~ in the church. Now this man is a real scholar, and I got some very valuable things from him. But I came across one point where he fell asleep and kept on writing while he was asleep. Here is this question, he says, does a deacon have any right to preach? Does a deacon have any right to preach, or is a deacon simply one who deals with financial matters and the care of the poor and that sort of thing. Now that is a question for a church to decide on the basis of various matters which enter in. And I am not, at this point, discussing what a church should do and what functions it should give a deacon. I am discussing this man's Biblical evidence that a deacon should not be allowed to preach. And he said, well, he said, ~~the~~ they say that it is