

true that Philip the deacon preached. But, he said, that probably was long afterwards, when we read in Acts 6, that the seven deacons were appointed. They were appointed to have oversight of the papers, in order that the apostles might devote themselves to the ministry of the Word. Well, the difficulty there is that ~~these~~ these seven men are not called deacons at all, they are simply spoken of as the seven. And a further difficulty, that Stephen, one of them, went right off and preached and was martyred for it. But a still greater difficulty is ~~that~~ the fact that this word minister in most cases translates the Greek word....., which is twenty times translated minister, and only three times translated deacon in the N.T. And so Nero was a deacon. Nero was a deacon and Timothy was a deacon. The word deacon just means a minister, a servant. That is all it means. And it is a word which can be used for the ~~most~~ most exalted official, it is a word which can be applied to the head of the Roman state and it is a word which can be applied to a subordinate man who is doing certain functions.

Well, now, ~~in~~ in time, in ch. govt., it is very reasonable to take this Greek word and to specialize it to use it ~~for~~ in a particular sense. But let's not say that is the Scriptural teaching. Let's ~~say~~ say that is what we think is wise, ~~to~~ what we think is a wise thing, but as far as the Scriptural ~~teaching~~ teaching is concerned, the word minister, more commonly translated ~~later~~ later.....than anything else. (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Paul says, I am made a deacon, a faithful deacon of Christ, He has made me a deacon putting me into the ministry. And so, as I say this is a very godly man, and a fine scholar, but he certainly was asleep when he wrote that article.

(question) But the fact of the matter is, that the word deacon, in actuality, in the N.T. means a servant, ~~one~~ one who is of important assistance, and even Nero was a servant of God. For the purpose of keeping law and order, and then when he departs from that purpose and starts to carry out his arbitrary will, of course, that is different. But he says, he is carrying out ~~in~~ law and order, to that extent he is a servant of God. And he says, Timothy is a servant of God, he is going out to do a