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They were chosen to handle the needs of the church.	They were chosen to handle the needs of the church.	
They were chosen to preserve in the church.	They were chosen to preserve in the church.	
Elders ministry, deacons ministry, the	Elders ministry, deacons ministry, the	
congregation ministry.	congregation ministry.	
The biblical qualifications focus on rather than	The biblical qualifications focus on rather than	
administrative skills.	administrative skills.	
Deacons are who do whatever is necessary to allow the elders	Deacons are who do whatever is necessary to allow the elders	
to accomplish their God-given calling of shepherding and the	to accomplish their God-given calling of shepherding and the	
church.	church.	
Diaconal ministry is done best when we keep the nature of the	Diaconal ministry is done best when we keep the nature of the	
office in mind.	office in mind.	