

THE ROLE OF DEACONS IN THE CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

Whoever serves me must follow me;
and where I am, my servant also will be.
My Father will honor the one who serves me.
JOHN 12:26



JOHN 12:26 – MEANS
“SERVANT/MINISTER”...
THIS MUST DESCRIBE EVERY
SERVANT OF JESUS.

All Christians... men, women, boys, girls are called to this. To be involved in ministry... in service. This is the clearest and most natural reading of the word in the Bible. Serving. Greek- “diakonos”



PHILIPPIANS 1:1 –
Possible first mention of the office of deacon. Which sets aside some men to serve the church in a particular office.



ACTS 6:1-7 – GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE WORK & REASON FOR DEACONS.

v. 3 – These men were called to a task. Waiting tables, serving food, meeting needs, freeing the apostles to do what God called them to do (v.5-6). You must vote for men that have a heart for this.



A deacon's job is never seen in the Bible as a governing board, the only Scriptural job is assisting in ministry. Serving the church. You must vote for men that are already doing this... don't think they will magically start doing it if voted on.



They are the ones that fan out into the church in ministry with a servant's heart. One of their goals should be stimulating, and encouraging others (by their own example) of what it means to be involved in ministry and missions and prayer.



THE ISSUE BIBLICAL IS ONE OF CHARACTER... NOT ACTION.

It is about purity and spiritual depth.



Deacons don't just fill a role—
THEY REFLECT THE HEART OF CHRIST
SERVING FAITHFULLY WHEREVER GOD PLACES THEM.

A DEACON'S PERSONAL CHARACTER

v. 8 – Four personal qualities.

- Men of dignity
- Control their tongue
- Clear thinking
- Man of self-control, not money hungry

A DEACON'S SPIRITUAL CHARACTER

v. 9-12 – Four spiritual qualities.

- Men who have proved themselves faithful to God & His church over the years
- Morally & spiritually pure
- Devoted to his wife
- Leads his family well as a Godly man & husband & father



A DEACON'S WIFE
v. 11



A DEACON'S HOME
v. 12



THE RESULT

v. 13
A life of spiritual service that builds and strengthens a church and the families that make up that church. A life that glorifies God.



THE MOTIVE: MATT. 20:20-28

Be a servant... like Jesus.
The Lord Himself is our model.

Every young man should strive for maturity and the characteristics of a deacon. Whether the church ever calls you to that or not. But it should be your goal. Your benchmark for a servant's heart.



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“Not lording it over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.” – 1 PETER 5:3