

What in the World is a **Deacon?**  
*Acts 6:1-7*



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*Deacon*  
*diakonos (διάκονος)*  
servant



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<sup>1</sup> Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.



*Acts 6:1-7*

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<sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.



*Acts 6:1-7*

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<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."



*Acts 6:1-7*

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<sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.



*Acts 6:1-7*

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<sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.



*Acts 6:1-7*

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<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.



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What Do Deacons Show Us in the Church?

4 Pictures



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*Deacons are a Picture of Love for God's Church.*

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We Show Love for God's Church in Sacrificial Acts of Self Giving.



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*Deacons are a Picture of Mission in God's Work.*

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It's Okay to Make Ourselves  
Small for the Sake of What God  
Wants to Make Big.



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*Deacons are a Picture of  
Readiness When God  
Calls.*

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What if God's Mighty Work  
Depended on Your Readiness?

We Can't Wait to Be Ready.



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*Deacons are a Picture of  
Placement for God's  
Power.*

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We'll Only See the Glory of God  
and Experience the Power of  
God When We No Longer Cling  
to Our Own.



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What Has Your Posture Been  
Toward God and His Church?

Place Your Life Completely at  
His Disposal and Watch Him  
Work.



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