

What in the World is a **Deacon?**

Acts 6:1-7



Deacon
diakonos (διάκονος)
servant



¹ 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.



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² 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.



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³ 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. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."



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⁵ 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.



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



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⁷ 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



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

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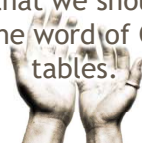


We Show Love for God's Church in Sacrificial Acts of Self Giving.



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

V.2 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."



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



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

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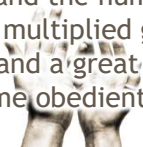
What if God's Mighty Work
Depended on Your Readiness?

We Can't Wait to Be Ready.



*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.



What Has Your Posture Been
Toward God and His Church?

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