
THE OFFICE OF DEACON

- A _____ deacon is a great asset to the work of God.
- His _____ leadership benefits the church in ways that others may never know.
- His _____ and _____ for the pastor is invaluable.
- Christ loves the _____ so much that He died for it.
 - **Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- Christ appointed _____ and _____ to guide and aid the church to accomplish its purpose.
 - The _____ of the church is summed up in the Great Commission.
 - **Matthew 28:19** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*
 - The last command of Christ should be our highest priority.
- The church in _____ was fulfilling its purpose. **(Acts 5:42)**
- The growth of the church led to _____. **(Acts 6:1)**
- Successfully accomplishing God's purpose for the church requires _____.
 - **1 Corinthians 14:40** *Let all things be done decently and in order.*
 - The more the church grew, the more delegation was needed to serve all of the people.
- The purpose of _____ is the delegation of responsibilities to help the church accomplish its purpose.
 - The _____ is supposed to do the work of the church.
 - The deacons are supposed to _____ the pastor by serving the people of the church.

- A church should be _____ by the pastor, _____ by the deacons, and _____ in by the members.
- The Bible teaches that there are two _____ in the church
 - The Office of Pastor (also called Elder and Bishop)
 - Pastor's responsibility: _____ the church by leading, teaching, and overseeing the church as it accomplishes its purpose.
 - **Ephesians 4:11-12** *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*
 - The pastor serves by _____.
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 - **Acts 20:28** *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*
 - The pastor serves by _____.
 - **1 Peter 5:2-3** *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*
 - The pastor serves by _____.
 - **2 Timothy 4:2** *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*
 - The pastor serves by _____.
 - **Acts 6:4** *But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*

- The pastor needs the help of godly men to free him of the things that keep him from having time to _____, _____, and _____ the Word of God.
- The pastor is accountable to _____ for his service to the church.
 - *Hebrews 13:17* Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.
- Just like every other Christian, the pastor is accountable to other _____.
 - The pastor is accountable to his _____.
 - The pastor is accountable to every _____ of the church.

○ The Office of Deacon

- A Deacon's responsibility: _____ the people of the church through assisting with care and provision of special needs.
- Deacons ought to be:
 - Servant Leaders.
 - Willing to serve in any capacity.
 - Willing to do mundane and tedious jobs.
 - Not "pulling rank" or receiving recognition.
 - Humble in spirit and focused on the needs of others.
 - Servants of all.
- The first deacons were _____ men with _____ hearts. **(Acts 6:2-5)**
- The pastor's greatest duties of prayer, Bible study, soulwinning, and time alone with God will all be _____ if the pastor has no help with the many day-to-day tasks that must be taken care of in the ministry.
- The Bible word for deacon is DIAKONEŌ and it means to be a _____.
- The office of deacon is not a _____ office.