

# Remedy Deacon Considerations

## Answer 2 Questions: Who are deacons? What do they do?

1 Timothy 3. 8-13; Acts 6.2-4

The New Testament text uses three primary words to refer to deacons: diakonos, which means "**servant**"; diakonia, which means "**service**"; and diakoneo, which means "**to serve.**"

The Greek words diakonos, diakoneo, and diakonia have just as wide a variety of meanings, but in general they refer to any kind of service that supplies the need of another person. The words are used at least **100 times** in the New Testament. They are usually translated with variants of the English words **serve or minister.**

### **Bottom line: A deacon is someone who serves.**

Deacons serve the needs of church.

Deacons are *pace setters* for serving the church.

Deacons allow elders to devote themselves to teaching God's word, prayer, and oversight of the church.

Deacons help preserve unity in the body.

### **Deacon is a role to be filled by qualified men or women who lead the way in serving the church under the authority and direction of the elders.**

## Who are they?

*Qualified men or women*

1 Timothy 3. 8-13; Acts 6.3

## What do they do?

*Lead the way in serving the church*

- Coordinate meeting personal needs
- Coordinate meeting corporate needs > worship gathering, events, finances, etc.
- Help meet spiritual needs > listening, counsel, prayer, etc.
- They are "firefighters"
- Initiate & pursue people
- Consistently involved in MC, WG, financial giving, serving, and mission

## **Under whose leadership?**

*Under the authority & direction of the elders*

- Direction
- Accountability
- Encouragement

## **What deacons are not**

Pastors/overseers

A voting body

Advisory board

Elders in training

## **Our Process (Acts 6.3 & 6)**

Lay out to the need and process to the church

Church submits people to the elders for consideration

Elders affirm and have conversations with those submitted - "Yes, we agree" and check for aspiration

Elders present candidates

Training - read something together, talk about responsibilities, and meet 2-3 times over 3 months  
(Church has a chance to get to know them and bring concerns during this period)

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