

“Deaconeo”

Modeling Earnest Love In Action

Deaconeo Eucharisteo Apekdekomai Keiruso Tikto
Mark 10:45; John 12:24-26; 1 Timothy 3:13; 1 Peter 4:1-11

The Bible speaks of serving-service-servant more than 1,500 times! Clearly the poor, especially those poor because of oppression, occupy a special place in God’s heart. In the NT, the Greek word *doulos* signifies the believer’s identity as one who is owned by Christ (thus it could be translated ‘slave’). But the Greek word *deaconos* signifies the practical and joyful service rendered by one who has been redeemed by Christ, often by those recently healed by our Lord. Consider the strategic importance of your service in God’s kingdom. Pray for those set apart to the office of Deacon. And look to “the Son of Man [who] came not to be served, but to serve...” (Mark 10:45).

I. You ought to _____ Christ and serve where _____. (Mark 10:45; John 12:24-26)

1. Jesus sharply contrasted worldly _____ with his own sacrificial _____.
2. In heaven’s economy greatness comes through _____ that is _____.
3. You must _____ your life, follow Jesus _____, and wait patiently for the _____ honor.

II. You ought to grow in _____ and _____. (1 Ti 3:13)

1. This verse is specifically addressed to _____ holders. Will/do you _____?
2. The church will give _____ and _____ to such model workers.
3. As you see the _____ of the _____ on display your _____ will grow.

III. Steward God’s _____ in your _____ by serving God’s people. (1 Pe 4:1-11)

1. Be self-controlled and sober-minded so you can _____ as you _____.
2. Overcome barriers through _____ and _____ love of God’s saints.
3. Pray for unity, _____, and efficiency between the _____ and deacons.
4. God’s supply of spiritual _____ will enable service _____!