

GOD'S PLAN FOR DEACONS AND THE CHURCH

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The Church as the Body of Christ – Ephesians 4:11-16

- The church leaders are not the head of the body.
- The church members are called to build up the body.
- The church's goal is to build up the body and grow in unity, maturity, and stability.

The Pattern for Deacons – Acts 6:1-7

1. The disciples were increasing in number
2. A conflict arose because of neglect
3. The leaders identified the solution
4. The church selected the deacons
5. The Word of God continued to spread

The Purpose of Deacons

1. Spotting and Meeting Tangible Needs
2. Protecting and Promoting Church Unity
3. Serving and Supporting the Ministry of the Elders

The Prerequisites for Deacons

1. Not double-tongued
2. Not addicted to much wine
3. Not greedy for dishonest gain
4. Hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience (9)
5. Tested and proved (10)
6. Faithful Family Life (11-12)

*Deacons are godly individuals who serve and strengthen God's church.
They are exemplary servants.*

The Perfect Deacon

*“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”
Isaiah 42:1*

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

“For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.” Luke 22:27