

The Office of Deacon

The term “Deacon” is our English transliteration of the Greek word diakonos.

It is usually or generally translated either as minister, servant or slave.

It is imperative to understand that when God calls people to serve in His church,
He looks for those whose hearts are right with Him.

Matthew 20:25-28

There are Four Scriptural expectations of the office of Deacon.

I. TO BE SERVANTS TO THE FAITHFUL. Acts 6:1-7

a. Please note that these men were set aside by the church in Jerusalem to “serve tables.”

The Apostles wisely called the church to pick and appoint men over this business.

b. Just as these seven men were appointed servants in the Church of Jerusalem -

you have been called to be servants of BBC!

c. You are charged to be a Servant of the church!

II. TO BE DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH.

Consider Stephen’s great defense of the Christian faith. [Acts 6:8-7:60]

There will be times you will be put into the situation of defending the faith.

When that happens, you will be required to be a defender of the faith. **1 Peter 3:15**

You are charged to be a defender of the faith!

III. TO BE EVANGELISTS WHO SHARE THE FAITH.

The next expectation that we observe of a deacon is found in **Acts 8:26-40**.

a. Phillip who was one of the seven men who had been chosen to distribute food,

Is found here following the Lord’s leadership in sharing his faith with another.

b. A deacon must be open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and be willing
to share the Gospel with others as the Lord opens up opportunities.

c. You are charged to be evangelistic by sharing your faith!

IV. TO BE GUIDE BEFORE OTHERS AS THEY LIVE THEIR FAITH.

Acts 6:3; 1 Tim 3:8-13

a. As a Deacon - you need to realize that you will now be living in a glass house.

Both you and your wife need to conduct your lives
openly and candidly before others.

b. A deacon is to live their life in such a manner

that others would want to imitate their Christian walk!

PP 1 Corinthians 11:1

c. You are charged to be a guide, a standard that others can follow.

B. Charge to the Church

a. Pray for your deacons!

You should lift up their names before the Throne of Grace every day!

b. Support your deacons!

Sometimes unpopular decisions have to be made -

the church needs to be there and support the deacons.