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- *“Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons.” (Philippians 1:1)*
- The word *“deacon”* is a transliteration of the Greek word DIAKONOS.
- This was the common word for “servant” or “minister” and it is translated that way **26** out of **30** times in the N.T.
- **4** times it is translated *“deacon”* in reference to an office in a local church.



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## **The Origin of the Office of DEACON in a Local Church**

- *“Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.” (Acts 6:3)*
  - *“Business” (NKJV)*
  - *“Task” (NASU)*
- While it is true that these men are not called *“deacons”* in this text, this was almost certainly intended to be an inspired introduction to the kind of work deacons would be needed for in a local congregation.



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## **The Responsibilities of DEACONS in a Local Church**

- Deacons are servants!
- Deacons oversee specific areas of service.
  - The eldership oversees all matters of the local church. **(cf. Acts 20:28)**
  - The deacon's specific area of service deals with routine business and physical necessities.
  - This support structure permits the elders and preacher to focus on uniquely spiritual needs.
  - As a servant, he must be faithful to his area of service. **(1 Cor. 4:2)**



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## The Qualifications of DEACONS

### **Moral Qualifications:**

Dignified **(1 Tim. 3:8)**  
Not double-tongued **(3:8)**  
Not addicted to much wine **(3:8)**  
Not greedy for dishonest gain **(3:8)**  
Clear conscience **(3:9)**  
Tested **(3:10)**  
Blameless **(3:10)**

### **Their Wives Must Be:**

Dignified  
**(1 Tim. 3:10)**  
Not slanderers  
**(3:10)**  
Sober-minded  
**(3:10)**  
Faithful in all  
things **(3:10)**

### **Spiritual Qualifications:**

Filled with the Holy Spirit **(Acts 6:3)**  
Filled with wisdom **(Acts 6:3)**  
Holding the mystery of the faith  
**(1 Tim. 3:9)**  
Clear conscience **(3:9)**

### **Family Qualifications:**

Husband of one wife. **(1 Tim. 3:12)**  
Managing their children and their  
households well. **(3:12)**



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## **The Spiritual Reward for DEACONS in a Local Church**

- *“For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 3:13)*



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