

STUDY GUIDE ON DEACONS

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“to serve”: διακονέω (*diakoneō*)

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Non-Ecc.</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Eccl.</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Tech.</u>
Mt. 4:11	Angels came and <u>ministered to him</u>	X					
8:15	She got up and <u>ministered to them</u> .	X					
20:28	[I] did not come to be ministered to, but to <u>minister</u> , and give his life . . .					Lord	Lord
25:44	in prison, and <u>did not minister</u> to you?	X	X				
27:45	from Galilee, <u>ministering</u> to him.	X	X				
Mk. 1:13	the angels <u>ministered to him</u> .	X					
1:31	left her, and she <u>ministered to them</u> .	X					
10:45	not <u>to be ministered to</u> , but <u>to minister</u>					Lord	Lord
15:41	followed him and <u>ministered to him</u> .	X					
Lk. 4:39	she arose and <u>ministered to them</u> .	X					
8:3	others who <u>ministered</u> to him	X					
10:40	my sister has left me <u>to serve</u> alone?	X					
12:37	will come forth and <u>serve</u> them.					Lord	
17:8	gird yourself and <u>serve</u> me	X					
22:26	he that is chief is he <u>that serves</u> .					Lord	
27	he that sits at meat or he <u>that serves</u> ?	X					
	I am among you as he <u>that serves</u> .					Lord	
Jn. 12:2	made him a supper, and Martha <u>served</u> .	X					
26	If anyone <u>serves</u> me, let him follow me.	X					
	If anyone <u>serves</u> me, my Father will	X					
Acts 6:2	leave the word of God and <u>serve</u> tables.	X				X	X?
19:22	two of them <u>that ministered</u> to him.	X to an apostle					
Rom. 15:25	to Jerusalem to <u>minister to</u> the saints	X Jer offering					
2 Cor. 3:3	the epistle of Christ <u>ministered</u> by us					apostles	
						evangelists	
8:19	<u>that is administered</u> by us to the glory	X Jer offering					
20	this bounty <u>that is administered</u> by us.	X Jer offering					
1 Tim. 3:10	<u>let them serve as deacons</u>					X	
13	because they <u>that have served as deacons</u>					X	
2 Tim. 1:18	how may things he <u>ministered to</u>	X to an apostle					
Phil. 13	he <u>might have ministered to</u> me	X to an apostle					
Heb. 6:10	<u>in that you have ministered to</u> the saints	X					
	and <u>do minister</u>	X					
1 Pet. 1:12	to us they <u>ministered</u> the things					OT prophets	
4:10	<u>minister</u> the same to one another	X					
11	if any one <u>ministers</u> , (let him do it)	X				indefinite	

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Lk. 10:40	Martha was distracted about much <u>serving</u> . X			
Acts 1:17 25	[Judas] had obtained part of this <u>ministry</u> . he may take part of this <u>ministry</u> .	apostle		
6:1 4	neglected in the daily <u>ministration</u> to prayer and to the <u>ministry</u> of the word	benevolence		
11:29	determined to send <u>relief</u> to the	benevolence		
12:25	they had fulfilled (their) <u>ministry</u>	benevolence		
20:24	the <u>ministry</u> , which I have received		apostle	
21:19	among the Gentiles by his <u>ministry</u>		apostle	
Rom. 11:13 12:7	I magnify my <u>office</u> or <u>ministry</u> , (let us wait) on <u>ministering</u>		apostle	
15:31	that my <u>service</u> which (I have)	benevolence		
1 Cor. 12:5 16:15	are differences of <u>administrations</u> ,		indefinite	
2 Cor. 3:7 3:8	themselves to the <u>ministry</u> of the saints if the <u>ministration</u> of death, written	X	indefinite	
9	will not the <u>ministration</u> of the spirit	X	indefinite	
9	if the <u>ministration</u> of condemnation	X		
4:1	does the <u>ministration</u> of righteousness	X		
	seeing that we have this <u>ministry</u>			
5:18	to us the <u>ministry</u> of reconciliation		apostles	
6:3	that the <u>ministry</u> not be blamed		evangelists	
8:4 9:1 12 13	the fellowship of the <u>ministering</u> to touching the <u>ministering</u> to the saints for the <u>administration</u> of this service by the proving (of you) by this <u>ministration</u>	benevolence benevolence benevolence benevolence		
11:8	wages (of them) <u>to do you service</u> .		apostle	
Eph. 4:12	for the work of the <u>ministry</u>		indefinite	
Col. 4:17	Take heed to the <u>ministry</u> that		evangelist	
1 Tim. 1:12	putting me into the <u>ministry</u> ;		apostle	
2 Tim. 4:5 11	make full proof of you <u>ministry</u> . profitable to me for the <u>ministry</u> ,		evangelist	
Heb. 1:14	spirits, sent forth <u>to minister</u> for them	X	angels	
Rev. 2:19	I know you works and love and <u>service</u>	X		

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Mt. 20:26 22:13 23:11	let him be your <u>minister</u> ; Then the king said to the <u>servants</u> ,	X
Mk. 9:35 10:35	greatest among you will be your <u>servant</u> be last of all and <u>servant</u> of all	X
Jn. 2:5 9	among you will be your <u>minister</u>	X
12:26	His mother says to the <u>servants</u> the <u>servants</u> that drew the water	X
	my <u>servants</u> will also be there	X

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Rom. 13:4 4 15:8 16:1 1 Cor. 3:5	he is the <u>minister</u> of God you he is the <u>minister of God</u> , an avenger a <u>minister</u> of the circumcision for Phoebe our sister, who is a <u>servant</u> of <u>ministers</u> by whom you believed,	X X X?		Lord apostles evangelists ""	X?
2 Cor. 3:6 6:4 11:15 23	also has made us able <u>ministers</u> ourselves as the <u>ministers</u> of God if his <u>ministers</u> also are transformed as the <u>ministers</u> of righteousness Are they <u>ministers</u> of Christ?	X		Satan's servants ""	
Gal. 2:17 Eph. 3:7 6:21 Phil. 1:1 Col. 1:7 23 25 4:7	(is) therefore Christ the <u>minister</u> of sin? Wherefore I was made a <u>minister</u> beloved brother and faithful <u>minister</u> with the bishops and <u>deacons</u> for you a faithful <u>minister</u> of Christ; I Paul am made a <u>minister</u> , Whereof I am made a <u>minister</u> a faithful <u>minister</u> and fellow servant		Lord X to an apostle X to an apostle	apostle evangelist indefinite apostle apostle indefinite evangelist?	X
1 Th. 3:2 1 Tim. 3:8 12 4:6	Timothy, our brother and <u>minister</u> of God Likewise the <u>deacons</u> (must be) grave <u>deacons</u> be the husbands of one wife, you will be a good <u>minister</u> of			evangelist evangelist	X X

Observations

1. The terms are used generally and technically.
2. The term “servant” is used of all New Testament offices with the possible exception of prophet. One implication of that fact is that none of the offices are figurehead positions that delegate all the work to other people.
3. *Deacon* is used of a particular formal function in only two contexts: Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:18-13 (Acts 6:1-6 is conceivably another example although the term involved does not appear.)
4. There is nothing to indicate that deacons had supervisory authority.
5. The question about deaconesses can be raised in connection with three contexts: Romans 16:1; 1 Timothy 3:11; 5:3-16
6. The New Testament does not specify what a deacon’s work is.