

STUDY GUIDE ON DEACONS

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“to serve”: διακονέω (*diakoneō*)

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Text</u>	Non- <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</u> them.	X		
20:28	[I] did not come <u>to be ministered to</u> , but <u>to 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</u> him.	X		
1:31	left her, and she <u>ministered to</u> them.	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</u> him.	X		
Lk. 4:39	she arose and <u>ministered to</u> them.	X		
8:3	others who <u>ministered to</u> 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> ? I am among you as he <u>that serves</u> .	X	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. If anyone <u>serves</u> me, my Father will	X 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 to</u> 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 and <u>do minister</u>	X X		
1 Pet. 1:12	to us they <u>ministered</u> the things	X	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	

“service, ministry”: διακονία (*diakonia*)

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

“deacon, one who serves”: διάκονος (*diakonos*)

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

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

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.