

A grayscale photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open book. The person is wearing a plaid shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

DEACONS

Servants of the Church

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Servants of the Church:

- What is a Deacon?
 - *Diakonos* – Servant, attendant, or waiter.
 - Translated two ways
 - Minister – *Colossians 1:25*
 - Servant – *Matthew 20:26*
 - All Christians are to be servants.
Colossians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 3:5
 - There is an official office in the local church of Deacon.
1 Timothy 3:8, 12; Philippians 1:1

Servants of the Church:

- **Who May Serve as a Deacon?**
 - **The character portrait of a Deacon (1 Timothy 3:8-12).**
 - **Men of dignity. 1 Timothy 4:12**
 - **Not double tongued. James 3:9-10**
 - **Sober in all things.**
 - **Not greedy for money.**
 - **Stable in his faith. Ephesians 4:14**
 - **First be tested.**

Servants of the Church:

- **Who May Serve as a Deacon?**
 - **The character portrait of a Deacon (**1 Timothy 3:8-12**).**
 - **Beyond reproach. **Titus 2:7-8****
 - **Of one wife. **1 Timothy 3:12****
 - **Good managers of their households. **Joshua 24:15; Ephesians 6:4****
 - **Their wives must also be of good Christian character. **1 Timothy 3:11****

Servants of the Church:

- **What Is a Deacons Work?**
 - Deacons, in contrast to Elders, do not have their work detailed in Scripture.
 - Elders are given the responsibility of leading (**Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2**).
 - What then is their work?
 - It's in the name, servant.
 - **Acts 6:1-6** as a type.

