

What is a Deacon?

Read:

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Acts 6:1-7

What is a deacon:

Deacons are men and women who desire to serve, who embrace their faith; and desire to live the Christian life in an exemplary way. They desire to be an example of practical Christian love. Deacons are men and women who desire to serve. Not only do they have a desire to serve, they hold fast to the truth of the gospel, and meet the character qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3.

It's important to point out that Paul isn't concerned specifically with what deacons do. It is not about a skill set, or giftings, Paul's focus is squarely on who deacons must be. Men and women who are committed, faithful, believers,

What deacons do:

Deacons are living examples of Christ's love. They lead the congregation in service, helping the church demonstrate the love of Christ tangibly. In John 13, after Jesus washes His disciples' feet, He says to them, "I'm about to give you a new commandment. Love one another. Love one another as I have loved you, and by this will all men know that you are My disciples." Deacons take that command to love one another and make it visible in the life of the church. They show tangible love to the body of Christ and encourage them to love one another in the same way, so that the world will know that we are followers of Jesus.

The blessing of a deacon:

Paul says a faithful deacon will receive two gifts in increasing measure: respect and boldness.