Deacons – The Helpers

Acts 6:1-7
Deacons

Deacons In Local Church
Who Are God’s Leaders?

Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to those in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the and . . . all the saints . . . overseers . . . deacons

Philippians 1:1

All of us

God’s Leaders
## New Testament Passages - Leadership

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Greek Meaning of “Deacon”

Phil 1:1

διακονος = “one who serves, on ho helps”
Serving The Greek Widows

Acts 6:1-4
Phoebe, Who Is Servant of The Church”
Romans 16:1

1) Official title
2) English word – deaconess
3) Early church had deaconesses
Deacons, part 1
σεμνός = “good character, honorable”

He is serious in mind and character . . .

• He is very respected.
μη διλογος = “not two tongued”

He does not say one thing to one person and something else to another . . .

• He is must be honest.
• He must not be political.
• He is trustworthy.
He does not drink too much diluted wine. . .

- Prov. 20:1 – see “drink” and “strong drink.”
- Prov. 31:4, 6 – see “drink” and “strong drink.”
“Not fond of sordid gain”

μη αἰσχρεκερδῆς = “not greedy for money”

He does not eager in his pursuit of money . . .
"Holding to the mystery of the faith"

εχοντας ο μυστηριον = “holding to mystery of the faith”

ο πιστος

He strongly believes all of the scriptures . . .
Be Tested

δοκιμαζω = “to examine, to try out, to prove”

He is observed and passes the test . . . 

1 Tim 3:10
Deaconesses
“Dignity”

σεμνὸς = “good character, honorable”

She is serious in mind and character . . .

• She is very respected.
“Not Malicious Gossip”

μη διαβολος = “not a slanderer”

She is not a slanderer . . .
“Temperate”

νηφαλιος = “restrained, sober”

She is not out of control . . .
“Faithful In All Things”

πιστος εν πασ = “faithful in all”

She is faithful in everything. . .
Deacons, part 2
“One Woman-Man”

ανδρες μας γυναικος = “one-woman man”

He is completely devoted to his wife.

1 Tim 3:12
One Woman-Man

πιστος εν πασ = “faithful in all”

She is faithful in everything...
“Good Manager”

καλως προιστημι = “good caring shepherd”

He manages his home well as a good shepherd.

1 Tim 3:12
# Key Differences In Qualifications

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Patterns of Life

Not Perfection