

## **DEACONS: PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TO PEOPLE IN NEED**

### **Acts 6:1**

**Introduction:** Everyone has a time in life when a true friend is needed. There are different ages, difficult times and of all sources of friends to help, one's Church should be First and Foremost. Thus Deacons.

### **I. DEACONS ARE CALLED TO LEAD OUT IN MINISTRY TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHURCH FAMILY**

1. Deacons are to help their Church family meet their physical needs.
2. Deacons should help their Church family in their emotional needs.
3. Deacons should be there to help their Church family spiritually.

### **II. DEACONS ARE THE CONTINUATION IN A WAY OF CHRIST'S LOVE FOR HIS SHEEP**

1. Their "calling" is knowing their Church family by their names, personally.
2. Their "caring" is to becoming personally responsible in helping.
3. Their "encouraging" is to be a friend, not a judge.
4. Their "mentoring" is to be a helpful guide to the new Christians and the weak ones.
5. Their "witnessing" is pointing others to Christ in their own way.

### **III. DEACONS CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR CHURCH**

1. They should be united in support of their pastor.
2. They should be united in support of their Church programs.
3. They should be united in support of their entire Church family, not just select ones.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. God gave His Church Deacons to help the Pastor shepherd the family.
2. Wherever Deacons fail in any God-given duties, the Church suffers.
3. Wherever Deacons fulfill their duties assigned by God, the Church grows and is united.
4. No Church can be all God wants it to be without Deacons.