



The Church Has Two Biblical Offices.

Pastor / Elder Deacon The Office of Pastor Three Biblical Words

Elder = πρεσβύτερος = Presbyteros

Overseer = ἐπίσκοπος = Episkopos

Shepherd / Pastor = ποιμήν = Poimen



One Who Serves

Acts 5

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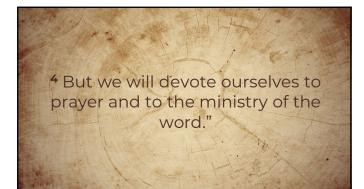
⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Acts 6

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.



⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The Servant Calling of Deacons Strengthens God's Church in Four Ways.

As Protectors of the Church's Unity

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As Defenders of the Gospel Call

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As Keepers of the Church's Mission

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. We Follow a Servant Savior.

Why Should We Be Any Different?