



1.) A deacon is dedicated to **UNITY (Acts 6:1, 7).**

- God first established the office of deacon in the church in the context of discord in the church (v. 1-3).
- From their very inception, deacons have been given by God to promote and to safeguard unity in the Body of Christ.

2.) A deacon is dedicated to **SERVE (Acts 6:2-4).**

- Deacons are ordained to serve in the church (Acts 6:2-4).
- In God's economy, it is the highest honor to take the lowest place (Matthew 23:11-12).

3.) A deacon is dedicated to **GODLINESS (1 Tim. 3:8-13).**

- Seven of the eight requirements for deacons in this passage deal with character.
- Deacon ordination marks a commitment to godliness (2 Timothy 2:24-25, 1 Timothy 4:7-8).

4.) A deacon is dedicated to **CHRIST (Phil. 1:21).**

- Only in and through Christ can the characteristics and responsibilities of deacons be accomplished.
 - Only in Christ can we be truly united (Romans 15:5-6).
 - Only in Christ can we meaningfully serve (Galatians 1:10, John 15:5, 1 Peter 4:11).
 - Only in Christ can we grow in godliness (Ephesians 4:16).
- Leadership in the church is all about living in and for Christ.