

What Does a Deacon Do?

<i>Diakoneō</i> = 37x	<i>Diakonia</i> = 34x	<i>Diakonos</i> = 29x
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve/Serving¹¹ [23x] 2. Ministering¹² [5x] 3. Ad/ministered [2x]¹³ 4. Serve [as deacons]¹⁴ [2x] 5. Provided¹⁵ [1x] 6. Delivered¹⁶ [1x] 7. Bringing [Aid]¹⁷ [1x] 8. Helpers¹⁸ [1x] 9. Service he rendered¹⁹ [1x] 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry²⁰ [19x] 2. Service/ Serve/Serving²¹ [12x] 3. Relief²² [2x] 4. Distribution²³ [1x] 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Servant²⁴ [17 or 18x] 2. Minister²⁵ [7x] 3. Deacon²⁶ [4 or 3x] 4. Attendant²⁷ [1x]

General / Unspecified [55] Food / Drink [15] \$\$ Aid / Relief [11] The Word [13] “Deacons” [6]

¹¹ **Serve/Serving/Served [22x, 1x untranslated]:** Peter’s mother-in-law *servi*ng Jesus (Matt. 8:15; Mark 1:31; Luke 4:39); the Son of Man came to be *serv*ed but to *serv*e (Matt. 20:28 [2x]; Mark 10:45 [2x]); Martha *serv*ed Jesus and his disciples (Luke 10:40); the master will reward his servants by *servi*ng them (Luke 12:37); the master will require his servant to *serv*e him (Luke 17:8); the leader must become one who *serv*es (Luke 22:26); the greatest among you is one who *serv*es (Luke 22:27 [2x]); Martha *serv*ed dinner (John 12:2); those who follow Jesus must *serv*e him (John 12:26 [2x]); the apostles should not be distracted from Word and prayer to *serv*e tables (Acts 6:2); Paul desired for Onesimus to *serv*e him in Philemon’s place (Philem. 13); *servi*ng the saints, as you still [*serv*e] (Heb. 6:10 [2x]); the prophets did not *serv*e themselves (1 Pet. 1:12); use your gift to *serv*e one another . . . whoever *serv*es, do so by the strength God supplies (1 Peter 4:10, 11).

¹² **Minister/Ministering [5x]:** Angels *minist*ering to Jesus (Matt. 4:11; Mark 1:13); the wicked did *not minist*er to Jesus (25:44); there were many women who had followed Jesus and *minist*ered to him (Matt. 27:55; Mark 15:41)

¹³ **Ad/ministered [2x]:** Paul, Titus, et al. are *ad/minist*ering a generous gift (2 Cor. 8:19, 20).

¹⁴ **Serve “as Deacons” [2x]:** The context leads the ESV to add “*as deacons*” to “*serv*e” in 1 Timothy 3:10, 13.

¹⁵ **Provided [1x]:** Many women *provid*ed for Jesus and his disciples (Luke 8:3; cf. Matt. 27:55; Mark 15:41)

¹⁶ **Delivered [1x]:** The people of Corinth were Paul’s letter of recommendation (v. 2), as a *result of his minist*ry (NIV), or *cared for* by Paul (NASB), or *delivered* by Paul (ESV), or *produced* by Paul (HCSB).

¹⁷ **Brought aid [1x]:** Paul *brought aid* to the saints in Jerusalem (Rom. 15:25).

¹⁸ **Helpers [1x]:** Paul sent (*apostellō*) two of his *help*ers, Timothy and Erastus (Acts 19:22 ??)

¹⁹ **Service he rendered [1x]:** Paul blesses Onesiphorus for the *servi*ce he rendered at Ephesus (2 Tim. 1:18).

²⁰ **Ministry [19x]:** Judas was allotted a share in Christ’s *minist*ry (Acts 1:17); a twelfth apostle had to take the place of this *minist*ry and apostleship (1:25); the disciples devoted themselves to the *minist*ry of the word (Acts 6:4); the *minist*ry Paul received from the Lord (Acts 20:24); Paul’s *minist*ry to the Gentiles (Acts 21:19; Rom. 11:13); our *minist*ry (2 Cor. 6:3); *minist*ry for the saints (2 Cor. 9:1); the *minist*ry of this service [*leitourgeia*] supplied the needs of the saints (2 Cor. 9:12); equipping the saints for the work of the *minist*ry (Eph. 4:12); fulfill the *minist*ry you received from the Lord (Col. 4:17); Timothy, fulfill your *minist*ry (2 Tim. 4:5); Mark is now useful to Paul for *minist*ry (2 Tim 4:11). Also, the *minist*ry of death . . . the *minist*ry of the Spirit . . . the *minist*ry of condemnation . . . the *minist*ry of righteousness . . . this *minist*ry [of righteousness] . . . *minist*ry of reconciliation . . . (2 Cor. 3:7–9: 4:1; 5:18 [6x])

²¹ **Serving/Service [12x]** Martha was distracted with much *servi*ng (Luke 10:40); Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch when their *servi*ce [of relief, Acts 11:29] was complete (Acts 12:25); use your spiritual gift of *servi*ce in your *servi*ng (Rom. 12:7); my *servi*ce for Jerusalem (Rom. 15:31); there are varieties of *servi*ce (1 Cor. 12:5); the household of Stephanas devoted themselves to the *servi*ce of the saints (1 Cor 16:15); I robbed other churches to *serv*e you (2 Cor. 11:8); Paul thanked God for appointing him to his *servi*ce (1 Tim. 1:12); angels are sent out to *serv*e (Heb. 1:14); I know you *servi*ce (Rev. 2:19).

²² **Relief [2x]:** The disciples in Antioch sent *relief* to the brothers living in Judea (Acts 11:29); begging us to take part in the *relief* of the saints (2 Cor. 8:4)

²³ **Distribution [1x]:** The daily *distributi*on was not meeting the needs of the Hebraic widows (Acts 6:1).

²⁴ **Servant(s) [16x]:** Whoever will be great must be a *serv*ant (Matt. 20:26; Mark 10:43); the greatest among you shall be your *serv*ant (Matt. 23:11); the first must be last and *serv*ant of all (Mark 9:35); *serv*ants of the feast (John 2:5, 9); those who follow Jesus must be a *serv*ant (John 12:26); the governor is a *serv*ant of God (Rom. 13:4 [2x]); Christ is a *serv*ant to the circumcised (Rom 15:8); Apollos and Paul were *serv*ants [of the word] (1 Cor. 3:5); *serv*ants of God (2 Cor. 6:4); *serv*ants of Satan disguise themselves as *serv*ants of righteousness (2 Cor. 11:15 [2x]); *serv*ants of Christ (2 Cor. 11:23); is Christ a *serv*ant of sin (Gal. 2:17); a *good serv*ant of Christ (1 Tim. 4:6).

²⁵ **Minister [7x]:** *Minist*ers of the new covenant (2 Cor. 3:6); *minist*er of the gospel (Eph. 3:7); Tychicus, a faithful *minist*er (Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7); *minist*er of Christ (Col. 1:7, 23, 25).

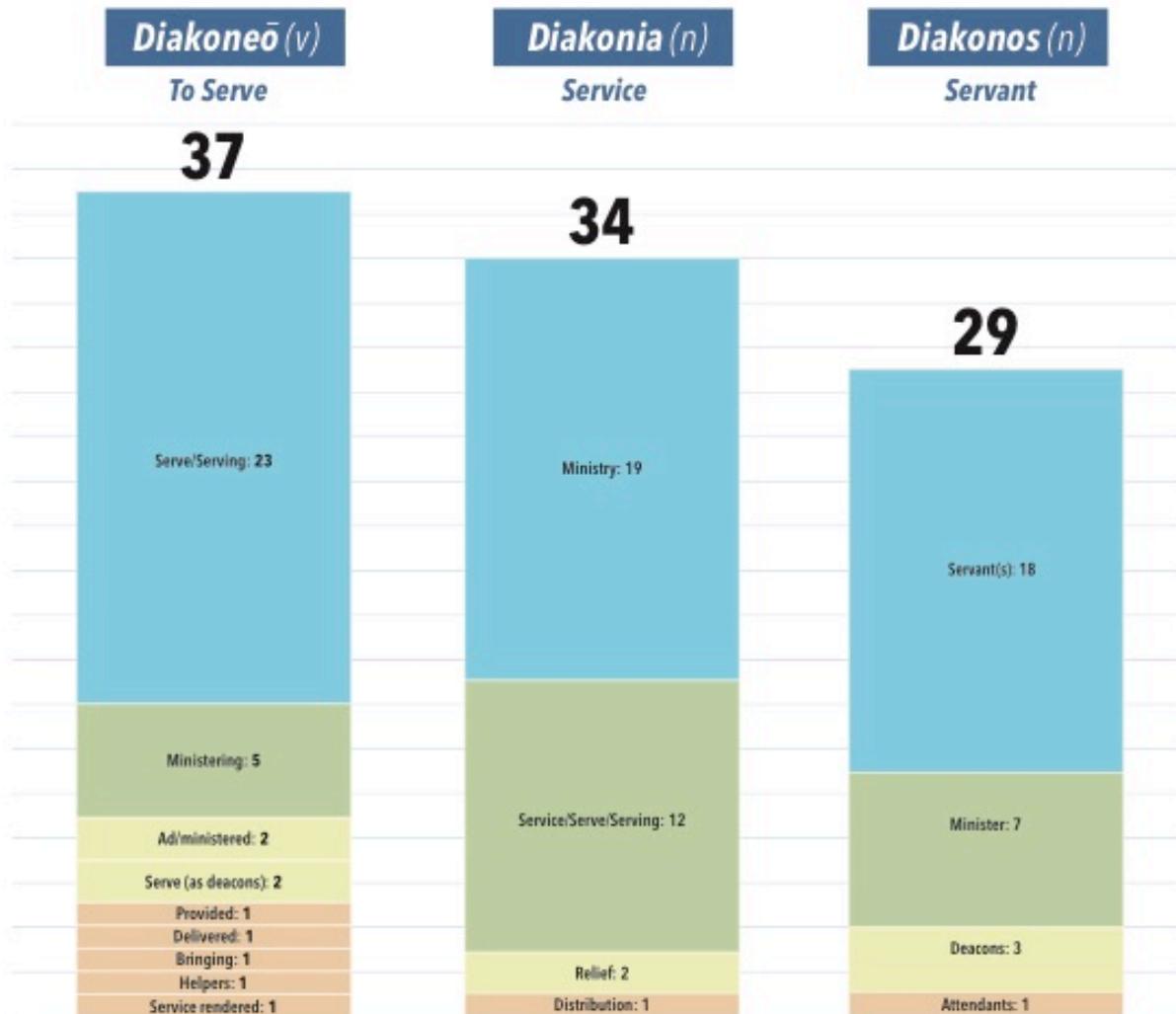
²⁶ **Deacon(s) [4x]:** Phoebe is a *deacon*/servant of Cenchreae (Rom. 16:1); overseers and *deacon*s (Phil. 1:1); *deacon*s (1 Tim. 3:8, 12).

²⁷ **Attendants [1x]:** The king said to his *attendant*s to bind his enemies (Matt. 22:13).

Getting Our *Diakonoi* in a Row

Number of appearances

Number of times these words appear in the Bible: 100 (ESV):



Organized to five main categories:

