

**The Rev. Steve Brown**  
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**The Indispensable Ministry of Mercy**

**Sermon Text: James 2:15-17**

**1. The Role of Deacons (Acts 6:1-7)**

**A. Deacons are entrusted with a Ministry of Mercy which is too much for Elders alone**

**B. It is a necessary ministry**

**2. The Role of Individuals and Families (1 Tim 5:3-16)**

**A. Supporting Deacons – Acts 4:34-35**

Financially, Doing/Volunteering, Praying!

**B. Loving your neighbor – Luke 10:30-37, Gal 6:10**

**C. Caring for your own family – 1 Tim 5:3-8**

1<sup>st</sup> Line of Help!

**3. The Role of the Person in Need (1 Tim 5:3-8)**

Be careful about putting someone on a permanent list for assistance.

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