"What Is a Deacon?"

PHILIPPIANS 1:1

Philippians 1:1 (ESV)

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

John 2:5, 9 (ESV)

- 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."
- **9** When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom...

Matthew 22:13 (ESV)

13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

2 Corinthians 11:15 (ESV)

15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

2 Corinthians 6:4 (ESV)

4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

2 Corinthians 11:23 (ESV)

23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

Colossians 1:24-25 (ESV)

- 24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,
- 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

Romans 13:4 (ESV)

4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

Matthew 20:26–28 (ESV)

- 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,
- 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,
- 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Luke 22:26-27 (ESV)

- 26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.
- 27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the One who serves.

- 31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
- 32 Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

- **33** And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- 35 For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me,

- **36** I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.'
- 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?
- **38** And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You?

- **39** And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?'
- **40** And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'
- 41 "Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

- For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink,
- I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

- 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'
- **45** Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matthew 25:45 (ESV)

45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Romans 12:7 (ESV)

7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

1 Peter 4:11 (ESV)

11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 4:20 (ESV)

20 And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Philippians 4:14–18 (ESV)

- **14** Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.
- 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.
- **16** Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

Philippians 4:14–18 (ESV)

- 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.
- 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

1 Thessalonians 3:2 (ESV)

2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith,

1 Timothy 4:6 (ESV)

6 If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

Colossians 4:7 (ESV)

7 Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.

Colossians 1:7 (ESV)

7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf

1 Corinthians 3:5 (ESV)

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

Romans 15:8 (ESV)

8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,