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The office of the deacon is one of the highest calls to service. Qualifications are set forth in the Bible. These are primarily found in Acts 6:1-7 and I Timothy 3:8-13. Though there is not always complete agreement on what certain verses mean, a Deacon should make every effort to live out these Biblical concepts.

Section 1. The Deacon should be a faithful and loyal supporter of the entire Church program and should attend all regular and special called meetings of the Deacons, unless hindered by good reason, which is approved by a good conscience.

Section 2. The Deacon should exercise God's given gifts through appropriate service in the Church. Such service could (depending upon the deacon's Spiritual gifts) include teaching Sunday School and other Bible study classes, working with ministry teams, participation in music ministry, support of youth and children activities, and participation in various church committees. Additionally, Deacons should assist the ministerial staff with pastoral visits in keeping with the Deacon's Spiritual gifts.

Section 3. It is expected that a deacon exhibit good stewardship of possessions and time.

Section 4. Prayer should be a part of the Deacon's daily schedule.

Section 5. The Deacon should assist in serving and participating in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

Section 6. Any Deacon shall be available to the members of the congregation to hear concerns regarding any aspect of church ministry. The deacon should share the concern with the appropriate committee or member of the pastoral staff. Issues of significant concern or matters that are not resolved by the appropriate committee should then be brought to the deacon body for attention.

Section 7. The Body of Deacons shall serve as a council of advice and conference with the Pastor in matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare and ministries of the church.

Section 8. The Deacon Family Ministry exists in order for Deacons to join with the pastor and church staff in ministering to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of each church member and family. Each Deacon should fully participate in the Deacon Family Ministry as assigned by the Chairman of Deacons.

Section 9. The Deacon should establish an exemplary lifestyle. A deacon should at all times bring honor to the name of Christ by having social and moral standards that are based on Biblical principles.