

## “The Office and Role of Deacons” (Acts 6:1–7)

Introduction: Does our definition of the office and role of deacons emerge naturally from scripture?

### I. The Story of Deacons and Their Realm of Service

Acts 2:44–45

Acts 4:32–37

Acts 6:1–7

Galatians 2:6–10

Philippians 1:1–2

1 Timothy 3:8–13

1 Timothy 5:3–18

### II. The Big Picture of Tangible Love within the Church

James 1:22–27

James 2:1–10

1 John 3:16–18

Modern Applications beyond Supporting Overseers, Widows, and Orphans:

- Tangible/Financial Gifts for Specific Needs in the Congregation
- Financial Gifts for Brethren and Ministers in Other Places
  - Acts 11:27–30
  - Romans 15:22–32
  - 2 Corinthians 8:1–5
  - 3 John 5–8
- Ongoing Help for Non-Financial Needs

Conclusion: Galatians 6:7–10