

Knowing Where to Serve: D-E-A-C-O-N-S

The word "deacon" comes from the Greek word "servant". The DEACONS acronym is intended to provide you with some guideposts that can help point you towards the ministry into which God is calling you to serve. They don't all have to apply to your situation, but usually at least 3-4 apply.

Desire *Do you have a real desire to serve in this ministry?*

Examples: Psalm 37:4, Romans 1:15, 1 Timothy 3:1

Experience *Do you have experience that would help in this ministry?*

Examples: Philippians 2:22, 2 Timothy 1:16

Aptitude *Do you have skills or talents in this area of ministry?*

Examples: Exodus 4:10-16, Exodus 31:2-5

Counsel *Are trusted people advising you to pursue this ministry?*

Example: Exodus 18

Opportunity/Open Doors *Is there an opportunity for you to serve?*

Examples: 1 Corinthians 16:9, Colossians 4:3, 2 Corinthians 2:12-13

Need *Is there a genuine need for this ministry?*

Examples: Acts 11:28-30, Acts 6:1-6, Philippians 4:2-3

Spirit-Prompting *Are you sensing in your spirit God calling you to do this?*

Examples: Acts 16:9-10, Acts 20:22, Nehemiah 2:12, 7:5