



	Comment	Scripture	
2. Deacons / Ministers / Servants	DIAKONEO: a minister	And He touched her hand and the fever left her. And she was animated and was serving Him .	Mat 8:15
	G1247, ΔΙΑΚΟΝΕΩ, diakoneo: to serve, minister (unto), attendant, patron .	It shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ...	Mat 20:26
	G1248, ΔΙΑΚΟΝΙΑ, diakonia: attendance, office, service, ministry, ministering.	... just as the SON of man did not come to be served, but to serve , and to give His life as a ransom for many."	Mat 20:28
	G1249, ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟC, diakonos: a servant, minister, administrator .	And they too will reply, 'KYRIOS, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'	Mat 25:44
		... and He was there for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels ministered to Him.	Mar 1:13
		In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Grecian Jews among them began to grumble against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food .	Act 6:1
		So the disciples, each according to his ability, decided to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.	Act 11:29
		He sent two of his helpers , Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he stayed for a time in the province of Asia.	Act 19:22
		For [secular] rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority? Then do what is right, and you will have his approval. 4For he is THEOS' servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not carry the sword in vain. He is THEOS' servant , an agent of retribution to the wrongdoer.	Rom 13:3-4
		What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as KYRIOS assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but THEOS gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only THEOS who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are THEOS' fellow workers. You are THEOS' field, THEOS' building.	1Cor 3:5-9
		We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of THEOS we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the HOLY SPIRIT, genuine love; 7by truthful speech, and the power of THEOS; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.	2Cor 6:3-10
		More than that, this brother was chosen by the churches to accompany us with the offering - the gracious gift we administer to honor KYRIOS Himself and to show our eagerness to help. We hope to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this generous gift.	2Cor 8:19-20
		As good stewards of the manifold grace of THEOS, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another. 11If anyone speaks, he should speak as one conveying the words of THEOS. If anyone serves, he should serve with the strength THEOS provides, so that in all things THEOS may be glorified through IESOUS CHRISTOS, to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.	1Pet 4:10-11
Women As Deacons & Prophets But Not As Elders!	Women are not allowed to serve as elders / pastors / overseers, but are absolutely essential to serve as deacons / patrons / assistants, who naturally don't teach or exercise authority, but are highly regarded in their specific roles as patrons.		
	A woman ought not to teach.	"Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12I do not permit a woman to teach [G1321, ΔΙΔΑΚΚΩ, didasko, to teach] or to exercise authority over a man [G435 ΑΝΗΡ aner; a man, fellow, husband, sir]; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor . 15Yet she will be saved through childbearing - if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control."	1Tim 2:11-15
	But 1Timothy 3 adds verse 11, where the requirements for women in this role are addressed. When we look at the first verses of 1Timothy 3, we notice the absence of such a verse in the description of an elder. This is the often overlooked key for differentiating between male / female deacons, and male only elders.	Elders "The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer [G1984 ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ, epi-skope, superintendence, elder, inspection, oversight], he desires a noble task. 2Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one woman, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for THEOS' church? [...]	1Tim 3:1-15
	The wording 'the husband of one woman' does occur in both descriptions, but does not exclude women from being deacons because of the specific mention in verse 11.	Diacons 8 Diacons [G1249 ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟC, an attendant, a waiter, deacon, minister, servant] likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Women [not 'wives' in this case, G1135 ΓΥΝΗ, gune] likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. [very often overlooked: this verse is not included in the description of an overseer between verses 1 and 2, but in the description of a deacon only!] 12Let deacons each be the husband of one woman [or wife, G1135 ΓΥΝΗ, gune], managing their children and their own households well. 13For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in CHRISTOS IESOUS . 14I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of THEOS, which is the church of the living THEOS ..."	
	The following verses clearly affirm female deacons:	And many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed IESOUS from Galilee to minister [G1247, ΔΙΑΚΟΝΕΩ, diakoneo] to Him. Joanna the wife of Herod's household manager Chuza, Susanna, and many others. These women were ministering [G1247, ΔΙΑΚΟΝΕΩ, diakoneo] to them out of their own means. "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant [G1249 ΔΙΑΚΟΝΗC, an attendant, a waiter, deacon, minister, servant] of the church at Cenchreae, 2that you may welcome her in KYRIOS in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a servant [G438, ὑποβ. τρεφ. - prostatis, patroness, assistant, successor, supporter] of many and of myself as well. 3Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in CHRISTOS IESOUS, 4who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. 5Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to CHRISTOS in Asia. 6Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. 7Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in CHRISTOS before me. 8Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in KYRIOS. 9Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in CHRISTOS, and my beloved Stachys. 10Greet Apelles, who is approved in CHRISTOS. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. 11Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in KYRIOS who belong to the family of Narcissus. 12Greet those workers in KYRIOS, Tryphaena and Tryphosa . Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in KYRIOS. 13Greet Rufus, chosen in KYRIOS; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. 14Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. 15Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. 16Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of CHRISTOS greet you.	Mat 27:55 Luk 8:3 Rom 16:1-16
	There are servants of satan , and there are servants of CHRISTOS .	So it is no surprise if his servants [G1249 ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟC an attendant, a waiter, deacon, minister, servant], also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.	2Cor 11:15
	The following verses further affirm female prophetesses:	Then Miriam the prophetess , Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her with tambourines and dancing. Now Deborah, a prophetess , the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went and spoke to Huldah the prophetess , the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem, in the Second District. So Hilkiah and those the king had designated went and spoke to Huldah the prophetess , the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem, in the Second District. ... And I had relations with the prophetess , and she conceived and gave birth to a son. KYRIOS said to me, "Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz. There was also a prophetess named Anna , the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, who was well along in years. She had been married for seven years, and then was a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied .	Exo 15:20 Jdg 4:4 2Kin 22:14 2Chr 34:22 Isa 8:1-4 Luk 2:36-37 Act 21:9
Inter-polation 1Cor 14:33-34	Most translations of the famous verse of 1Cor 14:33-34 are insufficient :	Women Are - NOT- To Remain Silent In Churches! "As in all the churches of the saints, the women should keep silent in the churches . For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church."	1Cor 14:33-34
	As seen in Mat 5:27-28, the word ΓΥΝΑΙΚΑ does rather refer to a wife. This is especially made clear by the addition of 'husbands' in the next verse. The word behind 'silent' (G4601 ΣΙΓΑΤΩCΑΝ, sigatosan) can according to Strong's dictionary be translated as to 'hold peace'. This is also the only reasonable translation in the context of this verse.		
	The proper translation should read:	The ['Your' in some manuscripts] wives must hold peace in the churches . For it is not permitted to them to speak [could also mean to shout or to utter / argue, most probably to speak in an argumentative way with their husband] but to be subject [to their husbands] as the law also says.	
	But those verses are possibly interpolated and are not original to the biblical text,	29 Let two or three prophets speak instead, and allow the rest to judge the meaning of what they're saying. 30 Then if someone else has a revelation while he's sitting there, the first one should [yield to him]. 31 This way, when each of them prophesy in turns, everyone can learn and be encouraged. 32 For the breaths of the prophets should be controlled by the prophets [themselves], 33 because God doesn't send us confusion, [He sends] peace, as in all the congregations of Holy Ones. 34 The women should remain silent in the congregation... They shouldn't be allowed to speak out. Rather (as the Law says); they should be submissive. 35 And if they wish to know something, let them ask their men [when they get] home; for it's disgraceful for a woman to speak out in a congregation: [likely spurious] DOES NOT FIT INTO THE CONTEXT AND INTERRUPTS THE TEXT 36 Or [do you think that] the Word of God is coming from just you, and that you're the only one who understands it? 37 Well, if someone thinks he's a prophet and that he's under the influence of [God's] Spirit, then he should agree with these things that I'm writing to you, because these are the Lord's commandments! 38 However, if there are those who choose to be ignorant, let them remain ignorant. 39 My brothers, keep on zealously seeking the [gift of] prophesying , but don't forbid the speaking in tongues. 40 Just make sure that everything is conducted in a tasteful and orderly way.	[1] Spurious texts: 1 Cor 14:33-35 [2] Stack-exchange Euldenis-Sigla for Variants in Vat., and 1Cor 14:34-5



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3. Disciples / Saints	When formulating plans or making a decision, the elders, along with other spiritual men, ought to come before KYRIOS in prayer until the HOLY SPIRIT speaks and brings them to a consensus.	Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers : Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch), and Saul. 2While they were worshiping KYRIOS and fasting , the HOLY SPIRIT said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3And after they had fasted and prayed, they laid their hands on them and sent them off.	Act 13:1–3
		And after engaging these men in sharp debate , Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. [...] 6So the apostles and elders met to look into this matter. [...] 22Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church , decided to select men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.	Act 15:2–23
	EKKLESIA: the church G1577, ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ, ekklesia: an assembly, a (religious) congregation, the church , the whole body of Christian believers. ► see also the study 'Church History'	... and when he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. So for a full year they met together with the church and taught large numbers of people. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.	Act 11:26
		When they arrived, they gathered the church together and reported all that THEOS had done through them, and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.	Act 14:27
		And in the church THEOS has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, and those with gifts of healing, helping, administration, and various tongues .	1Cor 12:28
	PISTOS: believers G3101, ΠΙΣΤΟC, mathetes: trustworthy, faithful, believing.	Let no one despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.	1Tim 4:12
	ADELPHOS: brethren G80, ΑΔΕΛΦΟC , adelphos: a brother , member of the same religious community, especially a fellow-Christian.	So the Twelve summoned all the disciples and said, “It is unacceptable for us to neglect the word of THEOS in order to wait on tables. 3Therefore, brothers , select from among you seven men confirmed to be full of the SPIRIT and Wisdom. We will appoint this responsibility to them 4and will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the HOLY SPIRIT, as well as Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6They presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.	Act 6:2–6
		The next day he came upon two Israelites who were fighting, and he tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers . Why are you mistreating each other?’	Act 7:26
		The apostles and brothers throughout Judea soon heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of THEOS.	Act 11:1
		Sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, recounting the conversion of the Gentiles and bringing great joy to all the brothers .	Act 15:3
		But now I am writing you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a verbal abuser, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.	1Cor 5:11
		I charge you before KYRIOS to have this letter read to all the brothers .	1The 5:27
		Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother .	2The 3:15
		For both the One who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are of the same family . So IESOUS is not ashamed to call them brothers .	Heb 2:11
		Therefore, holy brothers , who share in the heavenly calling, set your focus on IESOUS, the APOSTLE and HIGH PRIEST whom we confess.	Heb 3:1
		Consider it pure joy, my brothers , when you encounter trials of many kinds ...	Jam 1:2
	NEOPHUTOS: recent converts G3504, ΝΕΟΦΥΤΟC, neophutos: (lit: newly-planted), newly converted to Christianity, recent convert .	This is a trustworthy saying: If anyone aspires to be an overseer [...] 6He must not be a recent convert , or he may become conceited and fall under the same condemnation as the devil.	1Tim 3:6
	PROSELYTON: converts G4339, ΠΡΟΧΑΪΤΟC, proselutos: (lit: that has come to), a proselyte, that is a non-Jew, who has been circumcised and has adopted the Jews' religion.	rather refers to converts to Judaism only (Mat 23:15, Act 2:10, Act 6:5, Act 13:43)	
	METHETES: disciples G3101, ΜΑΘΗΤΗC, mathetes: a learner, disciple , pupil.	A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above his master.	Mat 10:24
		In those days when the disciples were increasing in number , the Grecian Jews among them began to grumble against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. [...] So the word of THEOS continued to spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem grew rapidly , and a great number of priests became obedient to the faith.	Act 6:1–7
		... The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.	Act 11:26
		While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the interior and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the HOLY SPIRIT ...	Act 19:1–2
		We sought out the disciples in Tyre and stayed with them seven days. Through the SPIRIT they kept telling Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.	Act 21:4
	SUNERGOS: fellow workers G4904, CΥΝΕΡΓΟC, sunergos: a fellow worker , associate, helper.	Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in CHRISTOS IESOUS ...	Rom 16:3
		Timothy, my fellow worker , sends you greetings, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my fellow countrymen.	Rom 16:21
		But I thought it necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker , and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my needs.	Php 2:25
	HAGIOS: saints G40, ΑΓΙΟC, hagios: set apart by (or for) THEOS, holy, sacred.	... tombs broke open, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.	Mat 27:52
		... Herod feared John and protected him, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man . When he heard John’s words, he was greatly perplexed ...	Mar 6:20
		But Ananias answered, “KYRIOS, many people have told me about this man and all the harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.	Act 9:13
		... She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41Peter took her by the hand and helped her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her to them alive.	Act 9:40–41
		... With authority from the chief priests I put many of the saints in prison ...	Act 26:10
		And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the SPIRIT, because the SPIRIT intercedes for the saints according to the will of THEOS.	Rom 8:27
		Share with the saints who are in need. Practice hospitality.	Rom 12:13
		Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem to serve the saints there.	Rom 15:25
		Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them.	Rom 16:15
		To the church of THEOS in Corinth, to those sanctified in CHRISTOS IESOUS and called to be holy , together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, their KYRIOS and ours ..	1Cor 1:2
		Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?	1Cor 6:2
		Here is a call for the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of THEOS and the faith of IESOUS.	Rev 14:12
Functions Related to Spiritual Gifts			
G652, ΑΠΟCΤΟΛΟC, apostolos: a messenger, one sent on a mission, an apostle .	► see study 'Spiritual Gifts'		
G2099, ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙCΤΑC, euaggelistas: an evangelist , a bringer of good news.	► see study 'Spiritual Gifts'		Spiritual Gifts
G1320, ΔΙΔΑΚΚΑΛΟC, didaskalos: instructor, teacher .	► see study 'Spiritual Gifts'		

