

The Glory of a Deacon

- Introduction:
1. If everyone had to get in a line to either “serve” or “be served,” I’m convinced there would be a vast difference in the length of those lines.
 2. Not many people want to volunteer to serve.
 3. The reason is that it’s costly, however such a view of service is short-sighted.
 4. Service results in glory and great reward (1 Timothy 3:13).
 5. Let’s examine the glory of serving as a deacon.

I. A Deacon Gets To Partner With God

- A. (Ephesians 1:22-23)
 1. God needs us, not intrinsically, but he has chosen to need us.
- B. (Isaiah 6:1-8).
 1. Will we say as did Isaiah, “Here am I, send me?” or will we say, as did Moses, “Here am I, send Aaron?”
- C. Think of what a humbling honor and privilege it is to work with and for God.
- D. Partnering with God is not easy, but it’s worthwhile.
 1. Consider Noah, Mary, Paul, etc.

II. A Deacon Gets To Know The Joy Of Service

- A. (Acts 20:35).
- B. (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- C. Ills. Of fish out of water. Take the fish out of water, his natural element, and he will flounder.
- D. We have been created to serve. Take us out of our natural element, and we too will flounder.

II. A Deacon Gets To Become Christlike

- A. (Romans 8:29).
- B. One is never more like Jesus than when he is serving.
- C. (Acts 10:38).
- D. You’ve heard of “Random Acts of Kindness,” but Christianity and the work of deacons is “Intentional Acts of Kindness.”

III. A Deacon Gets To Outlive Himself

- A. The service you perform can affect the eternal destiny of people for generations to come!
- B. People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.
- C. (Hebrews 11:4).

IV. A Deacon Gets To Leave A Heritage For His Family

- A. Since the passing of my dad nearly two years ago, “heritage” has become very important to me.
- B. The life that my dad lived motivates me today.
- C. What an amazing legacy to leave your family - a man who dedicated his life to service to God!

- Conclusion:
1. Don’t grow weary in well doing (Galatians 6:9).
 2. (Hebrews 12:1-4).
 3. Great is your reward if you remain faithful!