

THE JOY OF SERVING: HAVING A SERVANT'S HEART

1. A MINISTER IS A SERVANT; MINISTRY IS SERVING.
 1. The Greek word for minister is diakoneo.
 2. Four main Greek words:
 1. Diakoneo - literally means "to be an attendant, to wait upon"
 1. To be a servant, attendant, domestic; to serve, wait upon; to minister to one; ministering offices to, to be served, ministered unto.
 2. To minister, i.e. supply food and necessities of life; to relieve one's necessities (e.g. by collecting alms), to provide, take care, distribute, the things necessary to sustain life; to take care of the poor and the sick; those who administer the office of a deacon; in Christian churches to serve as deacons.
 3. Waiting on someone at table (Luke 22:24-27)
 4. Serving someone in general way (Mt. 4:11, 27:55, Acts 15:22)
 5. Caring or taking care of (II Cor. 32:3, Acts 6:2)
 6. Helping or supporting someone (Lu. 8:3 - women ministered to Jesus)
 7. Translated as the following in the Word of God: minister, serve, administer, office of deacon.
 2. Diakonia - service or attendance as a servant.
 1. Generally of all manner of service (Heb. 1:14 - angels)
 2. Service necessary for preparation of meal (Lu. 10:40)
 3. Service or function of all NT ministries
 4. Used in the sense of aid, support, or distribution of alms and giving to poor (Acts 11:29, Rom. 15:31, I Cor. 8:4)
 5. Specific ministry in body of Christ (Rom. 12:7 - wait on ministry).
 6. Translated: serving, ministry, ministration, relief, office, administrations, ministering
 3. Diakonos - waiter, attendant, servant, or minister
 1. One who executes the commands of another, especially of a master; a servant, attendant, minister.
 - (1) The servant of a king.
 - (2) A deacon, one who, by virtue of the office assigned to him by the church, cares for the poor and has charge of and distributes the money collected for their use.
 - (3) A waiter, one who serves food and drink.
 2. Servant (John 2:5, 9 - wedding at Cana)
 3. Civil ruler (Rom. 13:4)
 4. Translated: minister, servant, deacon
 4. Diako - root word on which other words built (not actually in Bible).
 1. To run or to hasten on errands.

2. JESUS CAME TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED. *"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many"* (Mt. 20:28).
3. TO BE GREAT, MUST EXERCISE HUMILITY; TO BE CHIEF, MUST BE AS THOSE WHO SERVE.
"But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve" (Lu. 22:26).
4. GIVING OURSELVES WHOLLY TO MINISTRY OF THE WORD (ACTS 6:4).
5. FINISHING COURSE WITH JOY. (ACTS 20:24) - *"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."*

