Ephesians 4:11-16

*11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*

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*12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*

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*13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,*

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*14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

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*15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

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*16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (ESV)*

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Equip: "To get ready, to complete, to fit out, to fully train, to mend, to repair, to restore, to adjust, to put in order, to arrange, to strengthen, make one what he/she ought to be."

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APOSTLE - (Apostolos) "An ambassador of the Gospel; a delegate, a commissioner of Christ, a messenger; a man sent out by Jesus Christ Himself to preach the gospel, one sent on a mission."

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PROPHET - (Prophetes) "A foreteller or a forth teller; An inspired speaker; One who, moved by the Spirit of God, solemnly declares to men what he has received by inspiration, especially concerning future events, and in particular such as relate to the kingdom of God and to human salvation."

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EVANGELIST - (Euangeliste) "A preacher of the gospel; a bringer of good tidings; someone with a vocational calling from God to announce the good news of the gospel; one who preaches the full message of Christ's salvation (the whole gospel)."

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PASTOR - (Poimen) "A shepherd; someone who the Lord raises up to care for the total well-being of the (God's) flock."

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NOTE\* - In just a minute, I'm going to challenge us to look a little differently at this role.

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TEACHER - (Didaskalos) "A teacher; one who teaches concerning things of God, and the duties of man."

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*I Timothy 3:8-13*

*8 In like manner the deacons [must be] worthy of respect, not shifty and double-talkers but sincere in what they say, not given to much wine, not greedy for base gain [craving wealth and resorting to ignoble and dishonest methods of getting it].*

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*9 They must possess the mystic secret of the faith [Christian truth as hidden from ungodly men] with a clear conscience.*

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*10 And let them also be tried and investigated and proved first; then, if they turn out to be above reproach, let them serve [as deacons].*

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*11 [The] women likewise must be worthy of respect and serious, not gossipers, but temperate and self-controlled, [thoroughly] trustworthy in all things.*

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*12 Let deacons be the husbands of but one wife, and let them manage [their] children and their own households well.*

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*13 For those who perform well as deacons acquire a good standing for themselves and also gain much confidence and freedom and boldness in the faith which is [founded on and centers] in Christ Jesus. (AMP)*

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DEACON #1 - (Diakoneo)

A. To be an attendant, to wait upon as a friend, a host or a teacher,

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DEACON #1 - (Diakoneo)

B. To serve.

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DEACON #1 - (Diakoneo)

C. To act as a Christian deacon.

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DEACON #1 - (Diakoneo)

D. To minister unto.

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DEACON #1 - (Diakoneo)

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E. To use the office of deacon.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

A. A waiter, one who serves food and drink.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

B. To run on errands.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

C. An attendant.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

D. A waiter at a table.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

E. A servant or minister.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

F. Anyone who performs any service.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

G. A deacon or deaconess.

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DEACON #2 - (Diakonos)

H. A Christian teacher and pastor

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*Romans 16:1-2*

*I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant (diakonos) of the church which is at Cenchrea: --*

*2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. (KJV)*

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*Genesis 29:1-9*

*1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.*

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*2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.*

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*3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.*

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*4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we.*

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*5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.*

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*6 And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.*

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*7 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.*

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*8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the -well's mouth; then we water the sheep.*

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*9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them." (KJV)*

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The Hebrew word for the term "keeper of the sheep" is: "Raw-aw".

Definition: "to tend; to rule, to associate with as a friend, to keep company with, to pastor or to shepherd."