

διακονία - ministry

(Friberg) **διακονία**, ας, ἡ (1) generally *service* (HE 1.14); (2) as charitable giving *aid, support, arrangement for provision* (AC 6.1); (3) as preparing meals *serving, preparation* (LU 10.40); (4) as the role or position of one serving God in a special way *task, office, ministry* (RO 12.7; 1T 1.12)

(UBS) **διακονία**, ας f ministry, service; contribution, help, support; mission; perhaps office of deacon or authority (Ro 12.7)

(L-N) **διακονία**, ας f: (derivative of διακονέω, 35.19) the role or position of serving - 'ministry, task.' ὡς τελειῶσαι τὸν δρόμον μου καὶ τὴν διακονίαν ἣν ἔλαβον παρὰ τοῦ κυρίου 'that I may complete my course of life and my ministry which I received from the Lord' Ac 20.24.

(LS) **διακονία**, ἡ, *the office of a διάκονος, service*, Thuc., Plat. **2.** *attendance on a duty, ministration*, Dem.; ἡ δ. ἡ καθημερινή *ministering* to daily wants, N.T.; ἡ δ. τοῦ λόγου *the ministry* of the word, Ib.

(Thayer) **διακονία**, διακονίας, ἡ (διάκονος) (from Thucydides, Plato down), *service, ministering*, especially of those who execute the commands of others;

1. universally: 2 Tim. 4:11; Heb. 1:14.

2. of those who by the command of God proclaim and promote religion among men; a. of the office of Moses: ἡ διακονία τοῦ θανάτου, concisely for the ministration by which the law is promulgated that threatens and brings death, 2 Cor. 3:7; τῆς κατακρίσεως, the ministration by which condemnation is announced, ibid. 9. b. of the office of the apostles and its administration: Acts 1:17,25; 20:24; 21:19; Rom. 11:13; 2 Cor. 4:1; 6:3; 1 Tim. 1:12; τοῦ λόγου, Acts 6:4; τοῦ πνεύματος, the ministry whose office it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit, 2 Cor. 3:8; τῆς δικαιοσύνης, by which men are taught how they may become righteous with God, ibid. 9; τῆς καταλλαγῆς, the ministry whose work it is to induce men to embrace the offered reconciliation with God, 2 Cor. 5:18; πρὸς τὴν ὑμῶν διακονίαν, that by preaching the gospel I might minister unto you, 2 Cor. 11:8. c. of the ministration or service of all who, endowed by God with powers of mind and heart peculiarly adapted to this end, endeavor zealously and laboriously to promote the cause of Christ among men, as apostles, prophets, evangelists, elders, etc.: 1 Cor. 12:5; Eph. 4:12; 2 Tim. 4:5. What ministry is referred to in Col. 4:17 is not clear.

3. *the ministration of those who render to others the offices of Christian affection*: 1 Cor. 16:15; Rev. 2:19, especially of those who succor need by either collecting or bestowing benefactions (Acts 12:25); the care of the poor, the supplying or distributing of charities (Luther uses Handreichung): Acts 6:1; 2 Cor. 9:13; ἡ διακονία ἡ εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους, 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1; ἡ διακονία τῆς λειτουργίας, the ministration rendered through this λειτουργία, 2 Cor. 9:12; πέμπειν εἰς διακονίαν τίνι, to send a thing to one for the relief of his want (A. V. *to send relief unto*), Acts 11:29 (κομίζειν χρήματα πολλά εἰς διακονίαν τῶν χηρῶν, Acta Thomae sec. 56, p. 233, Tdf. edition); ἡ διακονία μου ἡ εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ. *my ministration in bringing the money collected by me, a ministration intended for Jerusalem* (Fritzsche), Rom. 15:31 (here L Tr marginal reading read ἡ δωροφορία ... ἐν, etc.).

4. the office of deacon in the primitive church (see διάκονος, 2): Rom. 12:7.

5. the service of those who prepare and present food: Luke 10:40 (as in Xenophon, oec. 7, 41).*

Luke 10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

ἡ δὲ Μάρθα περιεσπᾶτο περὶ πολλήν διακονίαν· ἐπιστᾶσα δὲ εἶπεν, κύριε, οὐ μέλει σοι ὅτι ἡ ἀδελφή μου μόνην με κατέλειπεν διακονεῖν; εἰπέ οὖν αὐτῇ ἵνα μοι συναντιλάβηται.

Acts 1:17 "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

ὅτι κατηριθμημένος ἦν ἐν ἡμῖν καὶ ἔλαχεν τὸν κλῆρον τῆς διακονίας ταύτης.

Acts 1:25 "to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

λαβεῖν τὸν τόπον τῆς διακονίας ταύτης καὶ ἀποστολῆς ἀφ' ἧς παρέβη Ἰούδας πορευθῆναι εἰς τὸν τόπον τὸν ἴδιον.

Acts 6:1 Now in those days, when *the number* of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

Ἐν δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις ταύταις πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν.

Acts 6:4 "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν.

Acts 11:29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν, καθὼς εὐπορεῖτό τις, ὥρισαν ἕκαστος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πέμψαι τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ἀδελφοῖς·

Acts 12:25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled *their ministry*, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

Βαρναβᾶς δὲ καὶ Σαῦλος ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ πληρώσαντες τὴν διακονίαν, συμπαραλαβόντες Ἰωάννην τὸν ἐπικληθέντα Μάρκον.

Acts 20:24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the *ministry* which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

ἀλλ' οὐδενὸς λόγου ποιῶμαι τὴν ψυχὴν τιμίαν ἐμαυτῷ ὥς τελειῶσαι τὸν δρόμον μου καὶ τὴν διακονίαν ἣν ἔλαβον παρὰ τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, διαμαρτύρασθαι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς χάριτος τοῦ θεοῦ.

Acts 21:19 When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his *ministry*.

καὶ ἀσπασάμενος αὐτοὺς ἐξηγεῖτο καθ' ἓν ἕκαστον, ὧν ἐποίησεν ὁ θεὸς ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν διὰ τῆς διακονίας αὐτοῦ.

Romans 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my *ministry*,

ὑμῖν δὲ λέγω τοῖς ἔθνεσιν· ἐφ' ὅσον μὲν οὖν εἰμι ἐγὼ ἐθνῶν ἀπόστολος, τὴν διακονίαν μου δοξάζω,

Romans 12:7 or *ministry*, let us use it in our *ministering*; he who teaches, in teaching;

εἴτε διακονίαν ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ, εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ,

Romans 15:31 that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my *service* for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

ἵνα ῥυσθῶ ἀπὸ τῶν ἀπειθούντων ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ ἡ διακονία μου ἡ εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ εὐπρόσδεκτος τοῖς ἁγίοις γένηται,

1 Corinthians 12:5 There are differences of *ministries*, but the same Lord.

καὶ διαίρέσεις διακονιῶν εἰσιν, καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς κύριος·

1 Corinthians 16:15 I urge you, brethren -- you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the *ministry* of the saints --

Παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί· οἴδατε τὴν οἰκίαν Στεφάνᾳ, ὅτι ἐστὶν ἀπαρχὴ τῆς Ἀχαΐας καὶ εἰς διακονίαν τοῖς ἁγίοις ἑταξαν ἑαυτούς·

2 Corinthians 3:7 But if the *ministry* of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away,

Εἰ δὲ ἡ διακονία τοῦ θανάτου ἐν γράμμασιν ἐντετυπωμένη λίθοις ἐγενήθη ἐν δόξῃ, ὥστε μὴ δύνασθαι ἀτενίσαι τοὺς υἱοὺς Ἰσραὴλ εἰς τὸ πρόσωπον Μωϋσέως διὰ τὴν δόξαν τοῦ προσώπου αὐτοῦ τὴν καταργουμένην,

2 Corinthians 3:8 how will the *ministry* of the Spirit not be more glorious?

πῶς οὐχὶ μᾶλλον ἡ διακονία τοῦ πνεύματος ἔσται ἐν δόξῃ;

2 Corinthians 3:9 For if the *ministry* of condemnation *had* glory, the *ministry* of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

εἰ γὰρ τῇ διακονίᾳ τῆς κατακρίσεως δόξα, πολλῷ μᾶλλον περισσεύει ἡ διακονία τῆς δικαιοσύνης δόξη.

2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore, since we have this *ministry*, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

Διὰ τοῦτο, ἔχοντες τὴν διακονίαν ταύτην καθὼς ἡλεήθημεν, οὐκ ἐγκακοῦμεν

2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the *ministry* of reconciliation,

τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ καταλλάξαντος ἡμᾶς ἑαυτῷ διὰ Χριστοῦ καὶ δόντος ἡμῖν τὴν διακονίαν τῆς καταλλαγῆς,

2 Corinthians 6:3 We give no offense in anything, that our *ministry* may not be blamed.

Μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπὴν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία,

2 Corinthians 8:4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the *ministering* to the saints.

μετὰ πολλῆς παρακλήσεως δεόμενοι ἡμῶν τὴν χάριν καὶ τὴν κοινωνίαν τῆς διακονίας τῆς εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους,

2 Corinthians 9:1 Now concerning the *ministering* to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you;

Περὶ μὲν γὰρ τῆς διακονίας τῆς εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους περισσὸν μοί ἐστιν τὸ γράφειν ὑμῖν·

2 Corinthians 9:12 For the *administration* of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

ὅτι ἡ διακονία τῆς λειτουργίας ταύτης οὐ μόνον ἐστὶν προσαναπληροῦσα τὰ ὑστερήματα τῶν ἁγίων, ἀλλὰ καὶ περισσεύουσα διὰ πολλῶν εὐχαριστιῶν τῷ θεῷ.

2 Corinthians 9:13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*,

διὰ τῆς δοκιμῆς τῆς διακονίας ταύτης δοξάζοντες τὸν θεὸν ἐπὶ τῇ ὑποταγῇ τῆς ὁμολογίας ὑμῶν εἰς τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ ἀπλότῃ τῆς κοινωνίας εἰς αὐτοὺς καὶ εἰς πάντας,

2 Corinthians 11:8 I robbed other churches, taking wages *from them* to minister to you.

ἄλλας ἐκκλησίας ἐσύλησα λαβὼν ὀψώνιον πρὸς τὴν ὑμῶν διακονίαν,

Ephesians 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ,

Colossians 4:17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

καὶ εἶπατε Ἀρχίππῳ· Βλέπε τὴν διακονίαν ἣν παρέλαβες ἐν κυρίῳ, ἵνα αὐτὴν πληροῖς.

1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry,

Χάριν ἔχω τῷ ἐνδυναμώσαντί με Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν, ὅτι πιστόν με ἡγήσατο θέμενος εἰς διακονίαν

2 Timothy 4:5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Σὺ δὲ νῆφε ἐν πάσιν, κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποιήσῃς εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφόρησον.

2 Timothy 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

Λουκᾶς ἐστὶν μόνος μετ' ἐμοῦ. Μάρκον ἀναλαβὼν ἄγε μετὰ σεαυτοῦ, ἔστιν γάρ μοι εὐχρηστος εἰς διακονίαν.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

οὐχὶ πάντες εἰσὶν λειτουργικὰ πνεύματα εἰς διακονίαν ἀποστελλόμενα διὰ τοὺς μέλλοντας κληρονομεῖν σωτηρίαν;

Revelation 2:19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last *are* more than the first.

οἶδά σου τὰ ἔργα καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην καὶ τὴν πίστιν καὶ τὴν διακονίαν καὶ τὴν ὑπομονήν σου, καὶ τὰ ἔργα σου τὰ ἔσχατα πλείονα τῶν πρώτων.