

Deacon Installation Service for Josh Randolph

Two Roles of Deacons

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- Deacons are **shock** absorbers.

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 - Deacons **lead** others so they can serve.
- Deacons **unify** the body around the Word.
 - Deacons demonstrate a **Christlike** character with a **mission** mindset.

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- **Blameless**- Has he been tested and proven to be above reproach? (10)
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