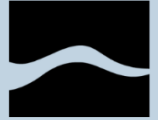


SERMON NOTES

DEACONS IN THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 3:8-13



BIG IDEA: The church needs men and women who will lead in serving others with Christlike character, resulting in good standing and great confidence in Christ.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Who are deacons, and how does their ministry differ from an overseer?

How do the character requirements for deacons specifically apply to the kinds of work they do in the church?

Why do you think Paul emphasizes a deacon's character rather than skills or abilities?

Does verse 11 refer to deacons' wives or deaconesses? What evidence is there either way?

How can deacons contribute to the overall health and unity of the church?

APPLY

What practical needs do you see in the lives of others, especially in the church?

How can you step up to meet them? Who can you invite to join you?

Are there opportunities for training you should seek so that you can serve the Lord more effectively in the church?

How can the promise of a good standing and great confidence in the faith encourage you to serve others well in the church (v. 13)?

COMMIT

Identify a few servants in the church that have been a blessing to you. Write them a thank you note or express your appreciation for their encouragement.