

The Deacon's Core

Series: Leadership Core (Message 4) **Date:** June 27, 2021

1 Timothy 3:8-13

The character of the leadership enables the activity of the church.

A leader's character must enable trust (v8 & 12).

1 Timothy 3:8

1 Timothy 3:11

A leader's belief must enable trust (v9-10).

1 Timothy 3:9-10

1 Timothy 3:12

Becoming a leader is optional, character isn't.

1 Timothy 3:13

Romans 5:3-4

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In your experience which type of person receives the most honor or respect: People with great skill or people with great character? Why do you think that is?
2. Recall and share a time when someone who was in authority over you earned your trust?
3. Read 1 Timothy 3:8. What kinds of behavior would you consider worthy of Christian respect in the areas of speech, drugs/alcohol, or handling money?
4. Read 1 Timothy 3:9-10. Basic knowledge of Christian doctrine is required to lead a ministry in the church. If someone asked you, "What does your church believe?", on a scale of 1-10 how confident would you be to answer? Have you ever looked over the *What We Believe* section on our church website?
5. Read 1 Timothy 3:11. Respectable leaders (whether they are women or men) avoid deception and slander. In which situations are you most tempted to deceive or slander? What practical steps can someone take to turn away from these sins?
6. Read 1 Timothy 3:13. How has your confidence in the faith of Christ Jesus grown through your service to others? When have you seen a step of obedience increase your faith or the faith of others?
7. If every member of our church developed the character of a 1 Timothy 3 deacon, what effects would it have on our practice of loving, living, and sharing Christ?

GOING FURTHER

1. Read the [What We Believe statements on our website](#).
2. Look up the text of the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. These are two important statements of Christian orthodoxy from the first few centuries of the Christian church. Do you understand what they are saying? Do you agree with these creeds? Do you have questions that you could bring to your group or elders about these statements?
3. If you'd like to start serving and using your gifts, text VOLUNTEER to 951-382-5111. If you'd like to attend the next membership class, text MEMBERSHIP to 951-382-5111.