



WEEK FIVE

1 TIMOTHY 3:8-16

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:8-16. In this passage, Paul continues to outline parameters for church leadership. What role do these verses discuss?
3. What does Paul say deacons should be in verse eight? What qualities should they avoid?
4. According to verse nine, what should deacons hold to, and how should they conduct themselves?
5. How does Romans 16:25-27 expand on the mystery of the faith Paul mentions?
6. What is the reason Paul gives in Acts 24:14-16 for striving to maintain a clear or blameless conscience? Why should we do the same?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper, and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g., bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

“We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.”

~ Colossians 1:28-29

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 3:8-16. What does verse ten say must precede a man being appointed as a deacon?
2. How might the church test someone before placing them in leadership, and why is it important?
3. The word deacon comes from the Greek word *diakonos*, which is translated into English as both "servant" and "deacon." In Romans 16:1-2, who is identified as a diakonos, and what does the passage say about this person? What do these verses suggest about women in leadership in the church?
4. What qualifications for women are listed in 1 Timothy 3:11?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 3:8-16. Paul assigns various tasks to the *diakonos*, or servants. What are they occupied with in Colossians 1:25-29?
 2. In 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, how does Paul describe the job of the *diakonos*?
 3. In Ephesians 6:21-22, what is Tychicus to do? In Colossians 4:7-9, Paul refers to Tychicus and Onesimus as diakonos (servants or ministers). What specific mission does he entrust to them in these verses?
 4. Using the verses above, what would be modern-day examples of roles deacons might fulfill?
 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 3:8-16. What must deacons do in verse twelve?

2. According to Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Proverbs 29:12, and Ephesians 6:4, what does it look like to manage your household well?

3. What two things do deacons who serve well receive in 1 Timothy 3:13?

4. In verse thirteen it says deacons who serve well will receive "great confidence in the faith." How does serving the Lord build great confidence in the faith?

5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 3:8-16. For what purpose is Paul writing this letter, in verse fifteen, and how does he refer to the church?

 2. Paul lists several beliefs the Christians held in verse sixteen. One of those beliefs was that Jesus was revealed in the flesh. Jesus is described in Revelation 19:11-13. What is His name called in this passage? What does John 1:1-2 & 14 say the One called the Word did?

 3. Challenge: Can you find Scripture references to support the remaining beliefs Paul listed?
 - 1) Vindicated in the Spirit:

 - 2) Seen by Angels:

 - 3) Proclaimed Among the Nations:

 - 4) Believed on in the World:

 - 5) Taken up in Glory:

 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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