

Deacons Serve the Local Church 1 Timothy 3:8-13

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

1. Deacons are called by God to _____ Him in His Church.
v. 8 – Likewise, deacons

2. Deacons _____ have these qualities.
v. 8 – Deacons must be...

dignified = respected for his _____

not double tongued = _____ when he speaks

not addicted to much wine = show _____

not greedy for dishonest gain = trusted for his _____

must hold the mystery of the faith = _____ the Gospel

with a clear conscience = a _____ conscience

blameless = _____ in his life would bring reproach to Christ, the Gospel, or the Church.

GO TO 3. Deacon's wives

the husband of one wife = _____ to his wife

managing their children & households well = He _____ his priorities and servant heart by managing his family & home well.

3. Deacon's wives must have these qualities.
v. 11 – Their wives likewise...

dignified = respected for her _____

not slanderers = _____ when she speaks

sober minded = clear, _____

Acts 6:1-7

1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

- 1. Deacons _____ the complaint.
 - 2. Deacons accepted the responsibility to _____ it.
 - 3. The results of their ministry was:
 - A. It _____ the Church that the matter was being handled.
 - B. The need was _____.
 - C. The apostles stayed focused on _____ duties.
 - D. The ministry _____.
- v. 7 - ...multiplied greatly...a great many...

Notes:



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For Sunday, Oct. 1: read 1 Timothy 4 & pgs. 43-51 in your study guide.