

THE DEACON & DEACONESS

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1 Timothy 3:8-13

1. Deacon means _____.
2. All believers are to be servants, but this is _____.
3. The office of elder is _____.
4. Acts 6 provides an example of _____.
 - A need was _____.
 - The apostles needed to _____.
 - The need required _____.
5. Deacons must meet _____.
6. “Women” in v. 11 is often translated _____.
7. The _____ qualifications for leadership in the church highlight for all:
 - The necessity of _____.
 - The commitment to _____.
 - The danger of _____.

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LOOK BACK

- **BLESS:** Whether you shared or not, were there any opportunities to share with another how good Jesus is?
- **Praise: Hebrews 13:17:** Give praise for how grand and powerful God is.
- The language of our faith is thanksgiving in all things. What difficult circumstance in your life will you, by faith, give thanks for?
- **Confession:** How is selfishness resulting in the lack of service of others?

LOOK IN

- Read I Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-7
- How are the qualifications for the 7 men in Acts 6 different than the qualifications for deacons in 1 Timothy 3?
- If all believers are to be servants, why does the office of deacon exist in the church?
- What are your thoughts about “dignity” being required of elders, deacons, deaconesses, and the entire body?
- What stands out to you about the definition for the Greek word translated dignity?
The Greek word conveys a quality of moral weightiness: conduct and character that invite respect because they reflect the holiness, gravity, and worthiness of God Himself. While never suggesting somber aloofness, the term consistently urges believers to live in a manner that commands honor without demanding it.
- To what extent are you in danger of:
 - Loving money
 - Addiction to alcohol
 - Lack of self-control
- What questions, concerns, or doubts do you have regarding what you have heard and read?
- How did the Holy Spirit speak through this passage to inform, remind, convict, or encourage you?
- **Further Study:** What do you learn about elders from the passages below?
 - Titus 2:1-15
 - Colossians 3:1-17
 - Philippians 4:4-9

LOOK FORWARD

- Closing Prayer
 - Requests: What are you asking God to do in and through you in the coming week?
 - Relinquishment: Present your body to God as an instrument to work in and through for His glory.