

## THE SHEPHERDING OF THE CHURCH Pt. 3

- A. The **IMPORTANCE** and the **NEED** for Godly Leadership in the Church
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- E. The **BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS** for Elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
- F. The **BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS** for Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

### 1. Some **GENERAL** Observations Regarding Deacons

- a. Qualifications for deacons are very \_\_\_\_\_, yet \_\_\_\_\_ from the qualifications of elders; an elder \_\_\_\_\_ be able to teach, whereas a deacon does not.
- b. Elders are to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the church, while deacons are to serve \_\_\_\_\_ the elders.
- c. The qualifications for a deacon are \_\_\_\_\_, they are \_\_\_\_\_ optional. (v. 8)
- d. These biblical qualifications stress \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not giftedness nor one’s position in the world.
- e. Just like the qualification for an elder, the overarching qualification for a deacon is \_\_\_\_\_, which does \_\_\_\_\_ mean sinless perfection.
- f. Since this is a leadership role, this position is only available to \_\_\_\_\_. (2:12)
- g. The role of deacon means being officially recognized as a “\_\_\_\_\_” of the Lord, who is appointed \_\_\_\_\_ a certain task or ministry in the local church.

### 2. The **SPECIFIC** Qualifications of a Deacon (1 Tim. 3:8-12)

- a. “*Reverent*” – He is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in character, and he takes his office seriously.
- b. “*Not double-tongued*” – His speech has verbal integrity; he speaks the \_\_\_\_\_ and does not lie.

- c. *“Not given to much wine”* – He has \_\_\_\_\_ to abstain from alcohol abuse.
- d. *“Not greedy for money”* – He is not motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. *“Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience”* – He knows his \_\_\_\_\_ and he does \_\_\_\_\_ deviate from it. (v. 9)
- f. *“Let these first be tested”* – A man must first be \_\_\_\_\_ that he is not a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ before he serves.
- g. *“Blameless”* – His Christian walk must be without \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. When married... *“wives must be (v. 11) ...*
  - 1) *“reverent”* – She must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) *“not slanderers”* – She does not use her tongue for malicious \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) *“temperate”* – She is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, she does not operate on her emotions.
  - 4) *“faithful in all things”* – She is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. *“the husband of one wife”* – He is a one-woman man, \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife. (v. 12)
- j. *“ruling his children and their own houses well”* – He is a good \_\_\_\_\_ of his children and \_\_\_\_\_ of his household in general.

### 3. Some Practical Blessings and Benefits for Faithful Deacons (1 Timothy 3:13)

- a. Faithful deacons who serve with godly wives will earn for themselves a \_\_\_\_\_ in the local church.
- b. Faithful deacons will earn for themselves a greater \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in proclaiming the truth about Jesus Christ.