



Character Qualifications for Deacons

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning

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Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3.8-13

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Introduction

Godly leadership makes the true, spiritual difference w/in the church. It is not accidental that almost all instruction on deacons relates to their qualifications. Not just anyone who wants to be a deacon can be a deacon. Placing unqualified men into church leadership is a key tool of Satan for thwarting church growth & killing a church. A properly ordered church must have morally & spiritually qualified overseers & deacons. (1 Timothy 3:1-13.)

I. There is a need for _____ leadership.

- A. Shepherds/deacons hold positions of sacred trust.
- B. 1 Tim. 3 reveals _____ concept of a deacon.

II. Deacons must be men of _____. (3.8a)

- A. Meaning here comes along with the idea of being: _____
- B. Is he someone you can _____?

III. Deacons must exhibit _____ in _____. (3.8b)

- A. A man is no better than his _____.
- B. *Double tongued*: Literally saying 1 thing to 1 man and a different thing to the next.

IV. Deacons must not be given too much _____. (3.8c)

- A. Addicted: To hold the mind towards, _____
- B. Much: "abundant, _____."
 - 1. **Saying they are not to be addicted to _____ wine, does not mean that a _____ is permissible.**
- C. Much of the work done by deacons requires an alert and _____ mind.
- D. Proverbs 23:29-35 - does this describe the behavior of a deacon?

V. Deacons are not to be fond of _____. (3.8d)

- A. One's religious office must not be used to achieve financial gain at the expense of others.
- B. A man must have _____ if he is to serve as a deacon. 1 Samuel 12:3.

VI. Deacons must hold the _____. (3.9)

- A. A deacon's life be consistent w/Christian doctrine.
- B. New Testament never allows people to separate _____ and _____.
- C. What is the mystery of faith?
- D. Titus 2:10 - Deacons must steadfastly hold to Christian beliefs.

ANSWERS

Respectable	Plenty
God's	Much
Dignity	Sober
Sordid Gain	Trust
Pay Attention To	Wine
Qualified	Word
Purity	Little
Financial Integrity	Speech
Mystery of Faith	
Life & Doctrine	

MY NOTES