

# Qualifications of Deacons (Part one)

1 Tim 3:8-10

Acts 6--Church \_\_\_\_\_.

People selling off lands and laying the money at apostles' feet.

Apostles in charge of administration and distribution of funds.

Taking care of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ate up all time receiving applications for help

Screening and distribution of funds and \_\_\_\_\_.

Preaching the Word and praying \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 6:2-7

Notice:

1. Word, deacon, not \_\_\_\_\_

2. The people \_\_\_\_\_

3. Apostles \_\_\_\_\_

4. Main concern: \_\_\_\_\_ of the special finances in relation to the widows.

5. Benefit: Provide apostles with \_\_\_\_\_ needed for prayer and the ministry of Word.

**Deacon:** diakonia. Servant, minister, ...server of tables.

Main focus—temporal welfare of church

Deacon: one who \_\_\_\_\_

**Bishop:** one who \_\_\_\_\_.

Historians say-- those who aspired to office of Bishop went through proving time as deacons.

God's way of developing someone for a spiritual position--see how respond to servant-type ministries.

**1 Timothy 3:8**

**Likewise:** we've just laid down list of qualifications for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Important that--lay down list of qualifications for deacons.

Everyone can serve.

Not everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ for certain responsibilities.

Even though person may have passion for specific ministry--degree of \_\_\_\_\_.

Burden for ministry--\_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.

Rom 14:12 James 3:1

Levels of ministry: With different levels of ministry come different levels of \_\_\_\_\_ and different levels of \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 12:48

Level one: L1 Low \_\_\_\_\_  
Level two: L2 \_\_\_\_\_ visibility  
Level three: L3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Level four: L4 \_\_\_\_\_ visibility

We observe a person \_\_\_\_\_ we recruit him for this level of ministry.  
Principle of accountability: The higher the level of ministry you go, the more \_\_\_\_\_ you will experience.

Time, lifestyle, and character more closely observed in a L4 ministry

**3:8 Grave:** venerable, honorable, honest, worthy of respect and dignity;

Consistent life which invites \_\_\_\_\_.

Not only refers to \_\_\_\_\_

Speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ man—motives, walk with God.

Men of Holy Spirit-wrought gravity and \_\_\_\_\_.

**not double tongued:** says one thing and \_\_\_\_\_ another.

Prov 25:11

Not reactive and judgmental. Prov 29:11

Motto not Speak first, then \_\_\_\_\_. Prov 29:20

Not like bull in china closet with words. **James 3:2**

Take their time to think about their words and put a check on spirit.

Not quick to assume \_\_\_\_\_. James 1:19

Loyal to \_\_\_\_\_

**not given to much wine.** Not \_\_\_\_\_ at wine.

Prov 23:31 *Look not thou upon the wine* approve, behold, \_\_\_\_\_,

(make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, (have) respect,

*when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup,* The wine of Canaan

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 49:11; Is. 63:1-3)

*when it moveth itself aright.* Wine when in \_\_\_\_\_ process.

Don't consider; don't enjoy, don't even gaze at the beverage if it is moving itself aright.

**not greedy of filthy lucre;** greedy for base gain...

Not attached to money.

**1 Timothy 3:9**

**Mystery:** hidden from the \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor 2:14

**The faith:** total embodiment of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian.

\_\_\_\_\_ sound.

**Pure:** undefiled, clear

**Conscience:** function of the spirit of man.

Not one person point finger and accuse of wrong-doing not been made

\_\_\_\_\_.

All known sin \_\_\_\_\_

Higher get in leadership, more visible

More \_\_\_\_\_ receive.

More \_\_\_\_\_ receive.

### 1 Timothy 3:10

**And let these also first be proved;** tried, \_\_\_\_\_. Proven

What is the track record of this man in areas of \_\_\_\_\_ service?

Matthew 25:21

Most leaders in the Bible first tested as servants

Elisha—served Elijah 7-10 years

Joseph—servant in Egypt 13 years before taking the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> in

\_\_\_\_\_ Moses—40 years tending \_\_\_\_\_

Joshua—servant to \_\_\_\_\_

David—tending sheep when \_\_\_\_\_ found him

**let them use the office of a deacon,**

Weakens testimony of church when member who has not been proven is made an \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the office** : action, work. Not an office where one sits...a deacon must serve.

Let them serve, wait on, \_\_\_\_\_ after, see after

**being found blameless.** Above \_\_\_\_\_; *Not to be laid hold of.*

Attitude—approachable, tender, and pliable.

2 Things must measure up:

1. Consistent \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

## So What?

What is my response to all of this? These Qualifications are for anyone and everyone who aspires to a position of spiritual leadership.

1. Grave—consistent life which invites \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Not double-tongued. Always speak \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Not given to much wine—Relation to \_\_\_\_\_ determines level of ministry.

4. Not greedy of filthy lucre—relationship to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience—solidly grounded in

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Pure conscience—\_\_\_\_\_ sin accounts.

7. Blameless—not one person able point a finger at you and accuse you of wrong-doing that you have not made \_\_\_\_\_.