

Series: 1 Timothy: The Household of God  
Title: Deacons—Qualified to Serve, Called to Care  
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God has given the local church the gift of Deacons... men and women called to care for the practical and strategic needs of the church, freeing the Elders to focus on the ministry of the Word and prayer. .

Deacon in the Greek means “TO SERVE” or “SERVE HUMBLY”

### **What are the qualities of Deacons? (1 Timothy 3:8-10)**

1. Deacons must be worthy of RESPECT

I Tim. 3:8, Heb. 13:7

2. Deacons cannot be TWO-FACED or double-tongued

3. Deacons cannot be REGULAR DRINKERS

Eph. 5:18

4. Deacons cannot be USING people for MONEY.

5. Deacons must hold their FAITH and live with a clear CONSCIENCE

6. Deacons should be tested BEFORE appointed.

### **What are the essential qualities for women deacons? (I Tim. 3:11)**

1. She must be worthy of RESPECT

2. She must control her MOUTH

I Tim. 3:11 Psa. 141:3 James 3:1-12

3. She cannot be an EMOTIONAL ROLLER- COASTER

Matt. 6:25-34 Phil. 4:6,7

4. She must be FAITHFUL in all things

### **What are the essential qualities for men deacons? (I Tim. 3:12)**

1. He must be a ONE-WOMAN man.

2. He must manage his HOUSEHOLD well.

### **Deacons who serve well gain a GREAT REWARD (I Tim. 3:13)**

1. God calls all of us to SERVE. (Mt. 20:26-28)

2. We need to be FAITHFUL STEWARDS of all God’s given us. (I Cor. 4:2)

3. We can’t GIVE what we DON’T HAVE.

4. Jesus is the perfect example of a SERVANT-LEADER (Phil. 2:3-5)

## HEARING AND DOING

*Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the sermon material, as well as preparing for discussion in your Life Group. Don't worry if you can't find all the answers!*

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5. To get ready for next week's sermon, read 1 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 as part of your personal worship each morning.
2. Paul makes some distinctions between men and women in this passage for qualifications.
  - A. "Which distinctions are the same and why do you think they are?"
  - B. "Which distinctions are different and why do you think they are?"
3. What are some ways that we can develop in the area of servanthood? Do you have specific gifts, abilities or talents that can be used to serve people? If so, what are they?
4. Read Phil. 2:1-5. What are just some of the benefits we enjoy as a church when we are unified or "like-minded?" Based on verses 3-5 what is essential for us to do in order to achieve this?