

Qualifications of Deacons

Deacon: a servant or minister; a man who serves within the Church

○ Personal qualifications - 1 Timothy 3:8

"Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,"

- ▶ **Dignity** - grave - seriously minded
- ▶ **Not double tongued** - consistent in what is said
(James 3:1-18; Proverbs 6:16-19)
- ▶ **Not addicted to much wine**
(1 Timothy 3:3; 5:3; Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35; Romans 14:13-15:3)
- ▶ **Not fond of sordid gain** - not greedy of money/ possessions
(Proverbs 13:7; Mark 8:36; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

○ Qualifications in respect to faith - 1 Timothy 3:9-10

9 *"but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.*

10 *And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach."*

- ▶ **Holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience**
(Matthew 13:11; Hebrews 11:1-6)
- ▶ **Tested** - proven stable - therefore not a new Christian
- ▶ **Beyond Reproach** - upright; obedient to God's word; always seeking to maintain a pure conscience; one to whom no one can bring an accusation against

○ Qualifications of family life - 1 Timothy 3:12

"Let deacons be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households."

- ▶ **Husband of only one wife** - a one woman man
- ▶ **Good managers of their children**
- ▶ **Good managers of their households**

Qualifications of Deaconesses

○ 1 Timothy 3:11

"Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things."

- ▶ **Dignified**
- ▶ **Not malicious gossips**
- ▶ **Temperate**
- ▶ **Faithful in all things**

FELLOWSHIP

The *One Another's* of the New Testament

- ▶ Be at peace with one another Mark 9:50
- ▶ Love one another John 13:34
- ▶ We are individually members of one another Romans 12:5
- ▶ Be devoted to one another Romans 12:10
- ▶ Give preference to one another Romans 12:10
- ▶ Being of the same mind toward one another Romans 12:16
- ▶ Don't judge one another's liberty Romans 14:13
- ▶ Be of the same mind as one another Romans 15:5
- ▶ Accept one another Romans 15:7
- ▶ Admonish one another Romans 15:14
- ▶ Greet one another with a holy kiss Romans 16:16
- ▶ Don't have lawsuits with one another 1 Corinthians 6:7
- ▶ Marriage couples are not to deprive one another 1 Corinthians 7:5
- ▶ Wait for one another at the Lord's table 1 Corinthians 11:33
- ▶ Care for one another 1 Corinthians 12:25
- ▶ Serve one another Galatians 5:13
- ▶ Don't bite and devour one another Galatians 5:15
- ▶ Don't become boastful in challenging one another Galatians 5:26
- ▶ Don't be envying one another Galatians 5:26
- ▶ Showing forbearance to one another Ephesians 4:2
- ▶ Be kind to one another Ephesians 4:32
- ▶ Speak to one another in psalms & hymns & spiritual songs ... Ephesians 5:19
- ▶ Submitting to one another in the fear of Christ Ephesians 5:21
- ▶ Regard one another as more important than himself Philippians 2:3

- ▶ Do not lie to one another Colossians 3:9
- ▶ Bearing with one another Colossians 3:13
- ▶ Teaching and admonishing one another Colossians 3:16
- ▶ Abound in love for one another 1 Thessalonians 3:12
- ▶ Comfort one another 1 Thessalonians 4:18
- ▶ Bear one another's burdens Galatians 6:2
- ▶ Encourage one another 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- ▶ Build up one another 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- ▶ Live in peace with one another 1 Thessalonians 5:13
- ▶ Don't repay one another with evil 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- ▶ Seek the good of one another 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- ▶ Don't hate one another Titus 3:3
- ▶ Stimulate one another to love and good deeds Hebrews 10:23
- ▶ Don't forsake assembling with one another Hebrews 10:24
- ▶ Do not speak against one another James 4:11
- ▶ Do not complain against one another James 5:9
- ▶ Confess your sins to one another James 5:16
- ▶ Pray for one another James 5:16
- ▶ Fervently love one another from the heart 1 Peter 1:22
- ▶ Be hospitable to one another without complaint 1 Peter 4:9
- ▶ Employ your spiritual gift in serving one another 1 Peter 4:10
- ▶ Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another 1 Peter 5:5
- ▶ Have fellowship with one another 1 John 1:7