

THE REQUIREMENTS OF A DEACON

- A. What is expected of a deacon in the church of Christ?
- a. First of all, the work of a deacon is...
- B. **A _____ Work**
1. God has set aside qualifications that must be met if a man is to serve as a deacon.
 2. The world may not like God's requirements, but He has set them forth.
 3. This separated work involves a couple of areas-
Personal and Spiritual qualifications
- a. **1 Timothy 3:8-13**



MY NOTES

I. _____ Qualifications

A. **Reverent**

1. The word reverent means "honorable, worthy of respect, pious, and holy." It is a character trait that views the work of God in a serious light.
2. The church's work is eternal business.

B. **Not Double-_____**

1. The word literally means "saying the same word twice." It refers to a man who speaks out of both sides of his mouth. Many in our day call it being "twofaced."
2. There is no room for gossip among the church, especially among the deacons. They will hear and be entrusted with things that must keep confidential.

C. **Not Given to much Wine**

1. The deacon is to refrain from the use of alcohol and other abusive substances. He is to be under the control of the Holy Spirit rather than the control of wine.
2. The Bible says we are to abstain from all appearance of evil. A man who consumes alcohol isn't qualified to be a deacon.

D. **Not Greedy of _____ Lucre**

1. – The phrase means that deacons are not to seek to make a dishonest dollar. *1 Tim. 6:10*.

E. **The Husband of One Wife (12a)**

1. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife. The phrase means "a one woman man." He is to be the husband of one wife and remain faithful to her as long as they both shall live.
2. I believe this verse does not forbid those who have been divorced and remarried (*biblically*) to serve as a deacon.
3. God wants those who serve in these offices to be a one woman man in every regard! A man who has been married once, and yet is unfaithful to his wife, is not qualified either.

F. _____ the Home (12b)

1. Ruling their children and their own houses well.
2. God ordained the man to be the head of the home.
3. He is responsible for the well-being of the home.

II. **Spiritual Qualifications**

A. **1 Timothy 3:9**

1. **Holding the _____ of the faith in a pure conscience.**
 - a. The deacon is to be a man of the Word. He is to be a man who knows the doctrines of the Bible and one who lives them before others.
 - b. There will likely be a time when you will be called upon to stand upon the _____ of God's Word. *2 Timothy 4:2*. I can't emphasize enough the importance of knowing the Word of God; know what you believe and why you believe it.

B. **A Separated Work**

2. **A Serious Work (10)**

- a. First of all, the candidate must meet God's _____, but that isn't all that is involved.
- b. God is concerned with the faithfulness of those who serve as deacons.
- c. They are to be "proven, tested, or examined" for the work.

MY NOTES

- d. A deacon must be a man who has had time to mature in the faith.
- e. He must not be unfamiliar with the ways of God, and is to be an example to others.
- f. There must be clear evidence that the man has been saved and has made a _____ to serve the Lord.
- g. This isn't an office that deacons are asked to "fill," it is an office that they are called to use. You are to exercise your faith in Christ through your service to the church.
- h. A deacon should seek ways to be of service to the Lord and His people.
- i. His Faith Must be _____
 - 1) You are ordained to this office "being found blameless." That word means "to be above reproach."
 - 2) A deacon's ordination is just the beginning of living above reproach. He is responsible from that day forward to continue to uphold the qualifications.
 - 3) You will stand before God and give an account of the time you served as a deacon. If for some reason you disqualify yourself, the call will still remain. Rom.11:29 –

III. _____ **Work**A. **1 Timothy 3:11**

1. A deacon is set aside to serve the Lord, but he isn't the only one involved in this work. Their wives, if married, are also responsible to meet and uphold certain qualifications and responsibilities.
2. I know ordained men today who are not being used for God because their wives are not willing to _____ the work God has called them to do
3. Just as the deacon will give an account to God for his service, the wife will give an account of her support as well.
4. You have the privilege of being a great help to the Lord through the support of your husband.
5. God has a word for the wives of deacons as well. **1 Tim. 3:11** -

B. **Reverent**

1. This shares the same meaning as that of your husband.
2. You are to be "honorable, worthy of respect, pious, and holy."
3. You are to understand the _____ of the work that he has been called to do.
4. You are to set the example for other women in the church to follow. You will be looked to for spiritual guidance among the women of the church.

C. **Not _____** -

1. You are to be a woman who "controls her tongue, not a gossip, talebearer, or one who stirs up mischief and disturbances."
2. Occasions will arise when others will press for information, and want to share gossip. In those times, you must use restraint and should not engage in those conversations.

D. **Sober**

1. This means you are to be "temperate and abstain from wine and abusive substances."
2. You are to keep a sound mind with sound _____.

E. **Faithful in all Things**

1. This means just what it says, faithful in all things.
2. You are to be _____ to your husband and his work, your family, the church, and the Lord.
3. The deacon and his wife are expected to support the church in every area.

Conclusion:

- A. Serving as a deacon is an exciting and wonderful journey with the Lord.
- B. There will be some days of heartache and distress, but there will also be many more good days of blessing and assurance from the Lord.