

# Qualifications for Deacons

1 Tim. 3:8-13

*The Book of 1 Timothy*

**Theme:** Deacons serve the body in anyway necessary to free the Elders to focus on the ministry of word, prayer, and shepherding.

## Outline:

### I. Introduction

The offices of Elder and Deacon work together to protect the truth of the gospel and promote a healthy environment for the church family to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. With the threat of false teachers from within and cultural pressures without, the Elders must be consumed with safeguarding the church from error by elevating the gospel. To this end, the Deacons assist this process by serving the body in a variety of ways to allow the Elders to give themselves wholly to the ministry of the word, prayer, and shepherding the sheep.

### II. The Qualifications of Deacons

- a. Purpose of Deacon (Acts 6:1-7)
- b. Personal Qualities/Characteristics of Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13)
- c. Practice of Deacons by WBC

### III. Conclusion

When the Deacons serve as a vital part of the leadership team, the church family feels noticed, cared for, and encouraged. They feel cared for in very tangible ways by those who enjoy serving. Consequently, the body feels refreshed both physically and spiritually as Deacons and Elders minister as a team for the overall good of the family.

## Shepherding the Sheep:

1. Please pray for our leadership - both Elders and Deacons - as they serve this body to protect the truth of the gospel and promote a healthy environment for the family grow in grace.
2. Prayerfully consider serving as part of the deacon team.
3. Since the church thrives when the leadership teams of Elders and Deacons serve together for the health of the body and the advance of the gospel, expect an assault from the enemy to promote disunity.

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