



# 1 Timothy

**(3:8-13)**

**Qualifications for Deacons and  
Deaconesses**

# **1 Timothy 3:8**

**8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.**

# 1 Timothy 3:8

**DEACON**



Original Word:διάκονος  
(diakonos)

Definition: a waiter, servant;  
then of any one who performs  
any service, an administrator.



**VERSES TO CONSIDER:**

Acts 6:1-6

Philippians 1:1

# 1 Timothy 3:8

## 1. THEIR PERSONAL CHARACTER



"dignified": *semnós* (an adjective derived from 4576 /*sébomai*, "to revere, be in awe") – properly, what is august (dignified, has "gravitas"); weighty, deeply respected because viewed as majestic (having "gravity"); grave.

# 1 Timothy 3:8

## 1. THEIR PERSONAL CHARACTER

**2** "not double-tongued": properly, "double-saying," i.e. deceitful by saying one thing but meaning another – literally, "two-sayings" ("double-tongued," used only in 1 Tim 3:8).

**3** "not addicted to much wine"

**4** "not greedy for dishonest gain"

# **1 Timothy 3:9**

**9 They must hold the  
mystery of the faith with a  
clear conscience.**

# 1 Timothy 3:9

My conscience  
is clear!

## 2. THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE

**THE MYSTERY OF THE  
FAITH**

**Cf. 1 Tim. 1:5, 19;  
Romans 2:14-16**



# **1 Timothy 3:10**

**10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.**

# 1 Timothy 3:10

## 3. THEIR CHRISTIAN SERVICE



properly, to try (test) to show something is acceptable (real, approved); put to the test to reveal what is good (genuine).

# **1 Timothy 3:11**

**11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.**

# 1 Timothy 3:11

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, 2 that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

Romans 16:1-2

WOMEN DEACONS?

# **1 Timothy 3:12**

**12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.**

# 1 Timothy 3:12

## 4. THEIR HOME LIFE

HOME



CHURCH

cf. 1 Sam. 2:12-17; 3:13

# **1 Timothy 3:13**

**13 For those who serve well  
as deacons gain a good  
standing for themselves and  
also great confidence in the  
faith that is in Christ Jesus.**

# 1 Timothy 3:13

Good standing



cf. James 4:10;  
1 Pet. 5:6  
1 Thess. 5:12-13

Great confidence



cf. Phil. 1:14;  
1 Thess. 2:2



**(3:14-16)**

**The Mission & Message of the  
Church**

## **1 Timothy 3:14-15**

**14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.**

# 1 Timothy 3:14-15

# TRUTH



THE CHURCH



THE COMPROMISED  
CHURCH

# TRUTH

# **1 Timothy 3:16**

**16 Great indeed, we confess,  
is the mystery of godliness:  
He was manifested in the  
flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the  
nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.**

# 1 Timothy 3:16



Life...death...burial...  
resurrection...ascension...  
return

**The Message**