

A photograph showing a group of people sitting around a wooden table. Their hands are clasped together in prayer or study. Several open books are scattered on the table. The background is softly blurred, showing a person in a green shirt. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet reflection and community.

How to Choose The Deacons

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Introduction

- **The first deacons can be found in Acts 6:1-6. What were their responsibilities? Who appointed them to their responsibilities?**
- **Romans 16:1-2 mentions a woman called Phoebe. Was she a deacon? What did she do?**

Functions of Deacons

- **What are the responsibilities of deacons?**

- **Are deacons equal to the elders in terms of their responsibilities?**

Qualifications of Deacons

- 1. The first qualification for a deacon is that he must have “dignity” (1 Timothy 3:8). How do you know if a man has dignity?**
- 2. The second qualification of a deacon is that he must “not be double-tongued” (1 Timothy 3:8). What does that mean?**
- 3. Next, we are told a deacon “must not be addicted to much wine” (1 Timothy 3:8). Can he drink wine?**

Qualifications of Deacons

- 4. The fourth qualification for a deacon is that he must “not be fond of sordid gain” (1 Timothy 3:8). Explain the meaning of this qualification.**

- 5. The fifth qualification for a deacon is that he must “hold to the mystery of the faith” (1 Timothy 3:9). What does that mean?**

- 6. The sixth qualification for a deacon is that he must “be tested” (1 Timothy 3:10). Explain this qualification.**

Meaning of 1 Timothy 3:11

1. Name three reasons why 1 Timothy 3:11 does not refer to the wives of deacons but to deaconesses.

- **1st Reason —**

- **2nd Reason —**

- **3rd Reason —**

Qualifications of Deaconesses

- 1. The first qualification for a deaconess is that she must “be dignified” (1 Timothy 3:11). What does this mean?**
- 2. The second qualification for a deaconess is that she “must not be a malicious gossip” (1 Timothy 3:11). What is the meaning of this qualification?**
- 3. The third qualification for a deaconess is that she “must be temperate” (1 Timothy 3:11). How does this qualification relate to the other qualifications?**

Qualifications of Deaconesses

- 4. The fourth qualification for a deaconess is that she must “be faithful in all things” (1 Timothy 3:11). Explain this qualification.**

Conclusion

- **Explain the two blessings that God gives to those who faithfully serve as deacons (male and female) (1 Timothy 3:13)?**