

# THE BIBLICAL DEACON

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Three keys to understanding the Biblical deacon...

## I. WHAT IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF A DEACON?

**1 Timothy 3:8a** In the same way, **deacons**...

A. Where does the word \_\_\_\_\_ come from?

1. **Deacons** are called “**Diakonoi**” (**dee-AH-ko-noi**) in the Greek.

**Philippians 1:1** To all God’s holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and **deacons**.

B. Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ regarding deacons are authoritative.

C. Eight Important \_\_\_\_\_ about deacons:

1. Deacons are regulated by Paul’s instructions.
2. Deacons are always mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ the Overseers.
3. Deacons are required to meet **specific qualifications**.
4. Deacons are \_\_\_\_\_ required to **teach**.
5. Deacons are required to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the church and it’s leaders.
6. Deacons are church **officeholders**, like Overseers.
7. Deacons’ **wives** are required to meet **specific qualifications**.
8. Deacons who “serve well” get a \_\_\_\_\_  **blessing** from God.

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## II. WHAT ARE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF A DEACON?

**1 Timothy 3:8-9** In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.

A. The deacon’s qualifications \_\_\_\_\_:

1. Worthy of \_\_\_\_\_ (Dignified).
2. Sincere (Lit. “Not double tonged”).
3. Not indulging [addicted to] much wine.
4. Not pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ gain (Not greedy) (1 Timothy 6:10)
5. Hold to deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.

B. The necessity of \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Timothy 3:8:10** They must first be **tested**; and then if there is nothing against them, let them **serve** as **deacons**.

C. The deacon’s \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Timothy 3:11** In the same way, the **women** are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

*Although sound Bible teachers advocate all five of these ideas, our conclusion is that Paul is referring to “Deacons’ wives.”*

### Qualifications for ALL godly women:

1. Worthy of respect (Others think well of her.)
2. Not malicious \_\_\_\_\_ (slanderer)
3. Temperate (Sober-minded/self controlled)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Faithful, reliable & dependable)

D. The deacon’s \_\_\_\_\_, children and household.

**1 Timothy 3:12** A deacon must be faithful to his and must manage his children and his household well.

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## III. WHAT ARE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF A DEACON?

**1 Timothy 3:13** Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

A. Deacons are servant-\_\_\_\_\_ to the Pastor/Elders.

B. Deacons who serve well are \_\_\_\_\_! (and so is the church)

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### Resources:

BOOK: *Paul’s Vision For The Deacons: Assisting the Elders with the Care of God’s Church*, Alexander Strauch, ISBN-10: 0936083360, 2017, Lewis & Roth Publishers