

RECOGNIZED SERVANTS IN HIS CHURCH
Qualifications for Deacons we all should aspire to
1 Timothy 3:8-13

I. WHAT IS A DEACON? CAN A WOMAN BE A DEACON? (8-13, Romans 16:1-2)

II. TO SERVE AS DEACONS, ONE MUST EXHIBIT CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER (8-9, 11-12)

A. Character in relation to their inner personal life: Deacons must be (8-9,11)

1. **Dignified:** (both) (8a 11)

2. **Sound in speech** (8b-11)
 - a) (Men) Not double tongued (8b)

 - b) (Women) Not malicious gossips (11a)

3. **Self Controlled:** Thus exhibiting righteous behavior (8b-9, 11b)
 - a) (Men) (8b-9)
 - (1) not addicted to much wine (8b)

 - (2) not fond of sordid gain (8b)

 - (3) Walking rightly in the context of the faith (9)

 - b) (Women) (11b)
 - (1) Temperate (11b)

 - (2) Faithful in all things (11b)

Character in relation to family: deacons must be... (12)

4. A one women man (12a)

5. Good managers of their children and own household (12b).

III. TO SERVE AS DEACONS ONE MUST BE tested first and found to be beyond reproach (10)

IV. THE GREAT REWARD FOR SERVING WELL AS DEACONS (13)