A Servant of Character

The biblical calling and qualifications of a Deacon Part 2

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## 1 Timothy 3 (ESV)

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. **2**Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3**not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. **4**He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,**5**for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? **6**He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. **7**Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

**8Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.13For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.**

**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. **16**Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh, *[God became man]*
    vindicated by the Spirit, *[Rose from the Dead]*
        seen by angels, *[When He rose and went to heaven]*
proclaimed among the nations,
    believed on in the world,
        taken up in glory.

1. *What is a deacon*? A servant of character
2. *Who should be a deacon*? A servant of character
	* + - * Worthy of respect.
				* Self-control with speech alcohol, and money
				* Believes the gospel and it shows
				* Home reflects his character
3. *How should a deacon be chosen*? A servant of character is tested
4. *Why be a deacon*? A servant of character gains much