

Church Leadership Part 2

Deacon - [diakonos] - one who executes the commands of another.

Likewise

I. Qualifications

A. Personal life

1. Dignified - worthy of respect
2. Not double-tongued - yes be yes & no be no.
3. Not addicted to much wine - not having near
4. Right attitude toward money - not greedy
5. Beyond reproach - blameless

Women likewise

6. Dignified
7. Not malicious gossips - false accuser
8. Temperate - not intoxicated
9. Faithful in everything

B. Home life

1. Manages well
 - a. Children
 - b. Home

2. One spouse

C. Church/spiritual life

1. Committed to the gospel
2. Confident in the gospel
3. On the same page (mission)

D. World life

Good reputation (Acts 6:3)

II. Selection (Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:8-12)

A. Tested

B. Qualifications (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

C. Approved (Acts 6:6)

III. Job (Acts 6:1-3)

A. Serve

B. Specific tasks (Acts 6:1)

C. Leading servants

D. Ministers (Acts 6:8, 22:20, 8:5, 21:8)

IV. Benefit

Serve well

1. High standing
2. Great confidence

V. Application

A. 3 Questions for us all

1. Does our inner life match our public image
2. Would our family confirm our faith
3. Would the world verify our character

B. Selfless - (Philippians 2:3)

C. Servant - (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Study: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 - in preparation for next week.