

# Deacons

- Diakonos
    - One who executes the commands of another
- N.T. Translates three ways

"minister" Romans 13:4

"servant" Romans 16:1

"deacon" 1 Timothy 3:8,12

# Works of the Deacons

- Plurality of Deacons must exist.
- Office seemed to exist to look after Temporary matters.

First mention of this type of office

## **Acts 6:1-6**

Not the work of deacons to Preach "per se"

No qualifications mentioned to be preachers of the gospel

Although some may have the ability and should use it.

Example of this:

Acts 6:5/ 8:4-5/ 21:8

# Qualifications of Deacons

- Specific Positive: 1 Timothy 3:8...
  - Reverent (grave, serious, men of dignity)
  - Holding the MYSTERY of the faith with a pure conscience (vs. 9)
  - Mystery- that which had been concealed or hidden, but now revealed.

**Romans 16:25-26**

**Ephesians 3:3-5**

# The Mystery

- Jesus Christ Promised that it would be revealed.

John 14:15-17

John 16:5-15

Romans 16:25-26

# Positive Qualifications cont.

- Holding to the mystery of the **FAITH**.

**Faith** refers to that which is **BELIEVED, AND OBEYED**.

## **Jude 3**

**Faith----- Necessity,**

**What is,**

**Benefits,**

**Involves Action,**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**Hebrews 11:1**

**1 John 5:4**

**James 1:21-25**

# Positive Qualifications Cont.

- Hold Faith With a pure conscience  
(without hypocrisy)

## **1 Timothy 1:19**

- Being Tested (found blameless)  
Show themselves to be dependable,  
trustworthy  
**Acts 6:3/** Note, of good reputation

# Positive Qualifications Cont.

- Husband of one wife vs. 12
- Ruling children and house well vs. 12

# Negative Qualifications

- **Not double tongued** vs. 8

- Speaking one thing and saying another
- Hypocrisy and Deceit
- Liars

Example of the Pharisees and scribes from **Matt. 23**

- **Not given to wine** vs. 8

Even the Jewish priest did not give themselves to wine

**Leviticus 10:8-11**

**Ezekiel 44:21-23**

**Ezekiel 22:26**

- **Not greedy for money** vs. 8

Men who are covetous in getting money should not be chosen

**John 12:6**

**Ephesians 5:3**

# Qualifications for Wives

1 Timothy 3:11

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Reverent-               | (Grave, Serious)                        |
| Not Slanderers-         | (Circulate false reports,<br>Gossipers) |
| Temperate-              | (Calm and Collected)                    |
| Faithful in all things- | (Trusting)                              |

# Can women be Deacons or Deaconesses.

New Testament, Gives no such description or title.

But notice:

“servant”

**Romans 16:1-16**

in female form of “Diakonos”

This does not conclude or should go beyond further instructions about women in the church.

**1 Corinthians 14:34-37**

**1 Timothy 2:11-12**

Works are done outside and inside the church. Therefore,

Men qualified in the church are Deacons, (servants)

Women still do their work as “servants” in the church

Remember God’s order,

**1 Corinthians 11:3**

# Well Service, to be rewarded

1 Timothy 3:13

A good standing-

Trusted among others  
to serve rightfully.

Matt. 20:25-28

Great boldness in the Faith-

These men  
are confident in  
their service and  
teaching of the word  
in faith.

1 John 4:17

# These are written to KNOW

vs. 14 It was expected that these commands were followed.

vs. 15 Conduct in the House of God.  
"which is the church"  
"the pillar and ground of truth"

Hold fast the pattern of sound words  
1 Timothy 1:13

# Order of things in the church

1 Corinthians 11:3

God

Christ/Holy Spirit

Men, Elders      1 Timothy 3:1

Men, Deacons    1 Timothy 3:8

Women/ All Saints