

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 8—1 Timothy 3:8-13—The Seven Determining Qualities of A Deacon

1. (a) Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and list the qualifications for elders as well as the qualifications for the deacons. (b) Which ones are the same? (c) Which ones are different? (d) Do you think there is a reason for this?

2. Memorize 1 Timothy 3:11

3. 1 Timothy 3:11 is a verse that is debated in the evangelical church. Some say it is referring to qualifications of deacon's wives alone, some say it is a verse that pertains to qualifications for both deacon's and elder's wives, and others say it is a reference to women deacons. Using Bible study helps, what would be your conclusion? Please give biblical support!

4. (a) Paul mentions in 1 Timothy chapter three that both deacons and elders are not to get drunk with wine. According to the following passages, why do you think this is essential for the officers of a church? Genesis 9:20-23; Proverbs 20:1; Proverbs 23:29-35; Isaiah 5:11, 12, 22; Habakkuk 2:15-17; Ephesians 5:18. (b) Why do you think more churches in our day are tolerating alcohol at church gatherings as well as portraying the attitude that drinking is the expected "norm" for believers?

5. If you knew for a fact that one of your elders or deacons was not qualified according to the qualifications mentioned in 1 Timothy chapter three, what would you do?

6. Make an effort to reach out to one of the elders and or deacons in your church by writing them a note of encouragement or inviting them to your home for a meal.

7. How can you be a blessing to the officers in your church? Write a prayer to the Lord asking Him to help you with this.