

## D4: the qualifications (deacons)

### 1. The greater context in which deacons sit.

- The entire body of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ the mission of Christ.

### 2. Deacons – the importance of tested and approved character, 1 Tm 3:8-12.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ character “sandwich” of 3:10.

“These men must also first be tested”

*“let them serve as deacons”*

“if they are above reproach”

*“Those chosen should not be unknown.  
Their integrity should be ascertained by all. . .  
This means this choice is not to fall at random,  
and without selection, on any that come to hand or mind;  
but those men are to be chosen who are approved  
by their past life in such a manner that,  
after what may be called full inquiry,  
they are ascertained to be well qualified.”*  
John Calvin (electronic ed.)

**Dignity, 3:8.**

A serious \_\_\_\_\_ in life because of a serious mind and character.

**Not double-tongued, 3:8.**

As notes are compared on the man's words, \_\_\_\_\_ do not become apparent.

**Not addicted to much wine, 3:8.**

A repeated, habitual turning of thought to or use of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Not fond of sordid gain, 3:8.**

Loving the gain of wealth in such a way that causes my \_\_\_\_\_ to be questioned.

**Holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience, 3:9.**

A strong obedience to what is believed which causes the conscience to \_\_\_\_\_, not condemn the man, his ministry.

**Husband of one wife, 3:12.**

A \_\_\_\_\_-woman man.

**Good manager of their children and own households, 3:12.**

Provides direct and ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ of children and household affairs.

**3. Deacons' wives, 1 Tm 3:11.**

**2 options in 3:11.**

**GBC's position? 'Wives of deacons'. 6 reasons:**

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**Be dignified, 3:11. See same qualification for deacons above in 3:8.**

**Not malicious gossips, 3:11.**

\_\_\_\_\_ accusations are not thrown at others.

**Temperate, 3:11.**

Avoiding whatever might cloud and prevent \_\_\_\_\_ thinking.

**Faithful in all things, 3:11.**

\_\_\_\_\_ in all matters entrusted to her, whether great or small.

**4. Deacons – the blessed results of faithfulness, 1 Tm 3:13.**

Deacons: highly respected, \_\_\_\_\_ servants in the mission, 1 Tm 3:13.

*“Those who serve God well and see His power and grace operative in their lives  
will be emboldened for even greater service.”*

John MacArthur, 131