

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