



1 Timothy

(3:8-13)

**Qualifications for Deacons and
Deaconesses**

1 Timothy 3:8

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.

1 Timothy 3:8

DEACON



Original Word:διάκονος
(diakonos)

Definition: a waiter, servant;
then of any one who performs
any service, an administrator.



VERSES TO CONSIDER:

Acts 6:1-6

Philippians 1:1

1 Timothy 3:8

1. THEIR PERSONAL CHARACTER



"dignified": *semnós* (an adjective derived from 4576 /*sébomai*, "to revere, be in awe") – properly, what is august (dignified, has "gravitas"); weighty, deeply respected because viewed as majestic (having "gravity"); grave.

1 Timothy 3:8

1. THEIR PERSONAL CHARACTER

2 "not double-tongued": properly, "double-saying," i.e. deceitful by saying one thing but meaning another – literally, "two-sayings" ("double-tongued," used only in 1 Tim 3:8).

3 "not addicted to much wine"

4 "not greedy for dishonest gain"

1 Timothy 3:9

**9 They must hold the
mystery of the faith with a
clear conscience.**

1 Timothy 3:9

My conscience
is clear!

2. THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE

**THE MYSTERY OF THE
FAITH**

**Cf. 1 Tim. 1:5, 19;
Romans 2:14-16**

1 Timothy 3:10

10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.

1 Timothy 3:10

3. THEIR CHRISTIAN SERVICE



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properly, to try (test) to show something is acceptable (real, approved); put to the test to reveal what is good (genuine).

1 Timothy 3:11

11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.

1 Timothy 3:11

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, 2 that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

Romans 16:1-2

WOMEN DEACONS?

1 Timothy 3:12

12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.

1 Timothy 3:12

4. THEIR HOME LIFE

HOME



CHURCH

cf. 1 Sam. 2:12-17; 3:13

1 Timothy 3:13

**13 For those who serve well
as deacons gain a good
standing for themselves and
also great confidence in the
faith that is in Christ Jesus.**

1 Timothy 3:13

Good standing



cf. James 4:10;
1 Pet. 5:6
1 Thess. 5:12-13

Great confidence



cf. Phil. 1:14;
1 Thess. 2:2

(3:14-16)

**The Mission & Message of the
Church**

1 Timothy 3:14-15

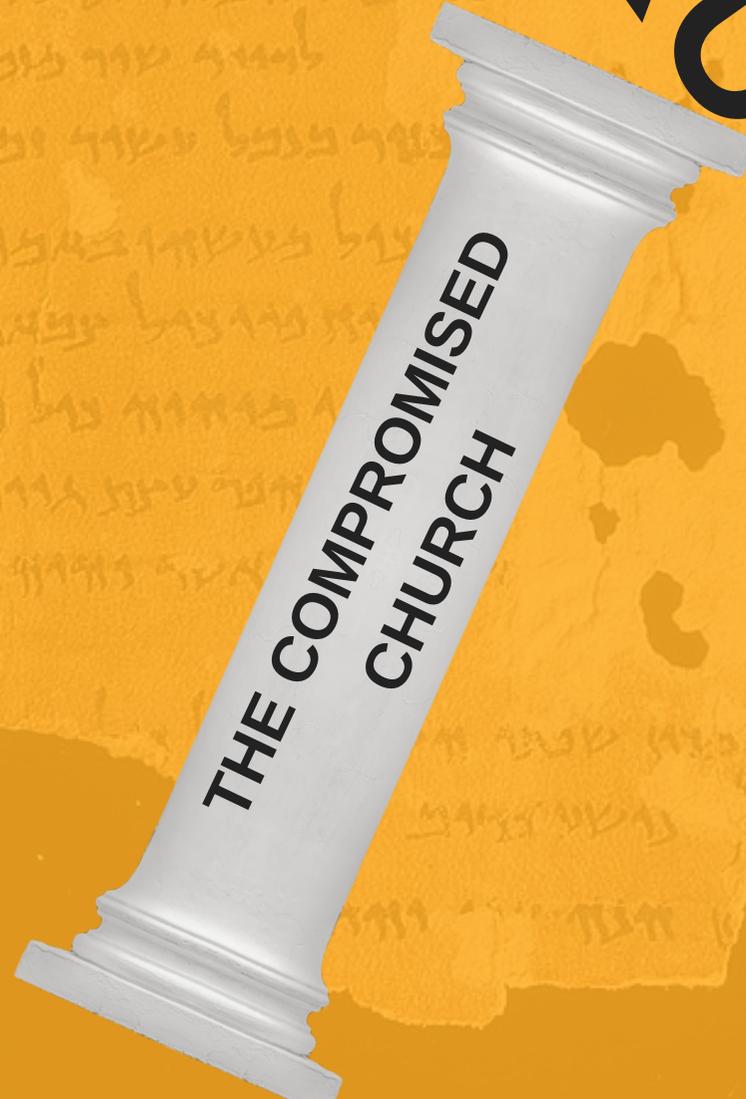
14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:14-15

TRUTH



THE CHURCH



THE COMPROMISED
CHURCH

TRUTH

1 Timothy 3:16

**16 Great indeed, we confess,
is the mystery of godliness:
He was manifested in the
flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the
nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

1 Timothy 3:16



Life...death...burial...
resurrection...ascension...
return

The Message