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The Qualifications for Deacons

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1 Timothy 3:8-10

Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain. **9** **but holding to the mystery of the faith** with a clear conscience. **10** These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

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Can Women Be Deacons?

1 Timothy 3:11

Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

1 Cor. 7:2

...each man is to have **his own wife**, and each woman is to have her own husband.

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Can Women Be Deacons?

Romans 16:1

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is **a servant of the church** which is at Cenchrea...

Colossians 1:7

just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved **fellow servant**. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf...

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Qualifications for Elder

1 Timothy 3:12-13

Deacons must be **husbands of only one wife**, and good managers of their children and their own households.

13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Applications

1. We should understand why deacons are necessary for the proper function of the church.
2. We should know that service to other believers is essential to fulfilling the law of Christ.

The Need for Deacons

Acts 6:2b-4

...It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order **to serve tables**. 3 Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the **ministry of the word**.

The Need for Deacons

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the **overseers and deacons**:

Overseer: Servant of the word

Deacon: Servant of the saints' needs

The Need to Serve the Saints

Matthew 25:40

The King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these **brothers of Mine**, even the least of them, you did it to Me."

The Need to Serve the Saints

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another**, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.