

**[1 Timothy]
Lesson 4**

Deacons

(1 Timothy 3:8-16)



1. Deacons

Elders and Deacons Partners in the Gospel

Elders →

Teaching

Serving

Spiritual Needs

Physical Needs

← **Deacons**

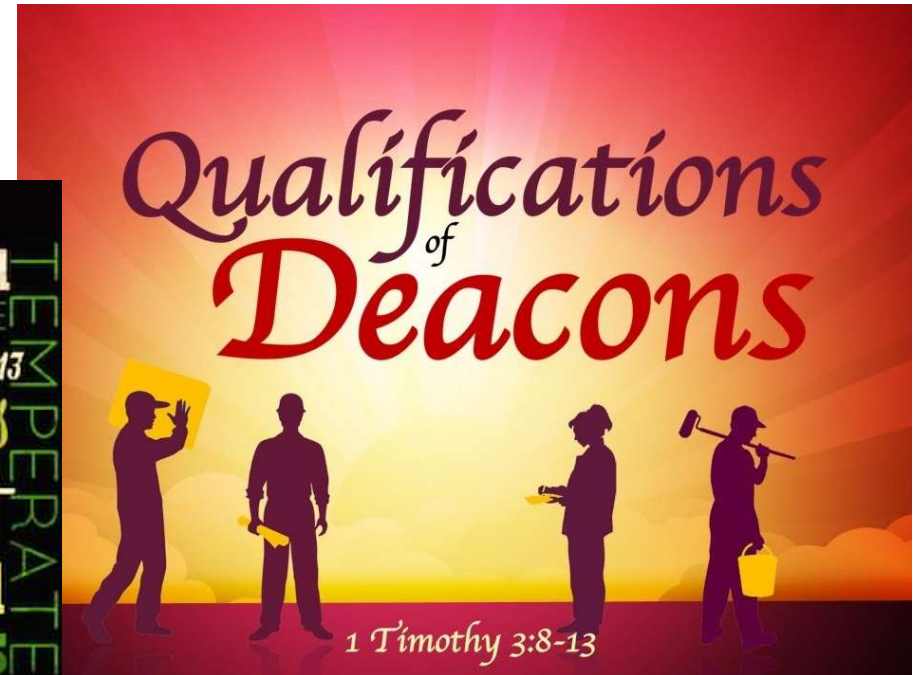
(Acts 6:2) Then **the twelve** (Apostles / Pastors) called the **multitude of the disciples** (church) unto **them**, and said, It is not reason (good plan) that **we** should leave [stop studying and teaching] the word of God (Bible), and **serve tables** [all non-teaching work].

(3) Wherefore (so), **brethren**, look ye out (choose) among **you seven men** (**Deacons**) of honest report (good testimony), full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom **we** may appoint (job) over this business (work). (4) But **we** will give ourselves continually (focus) to prayer, and to the ministry (serve by study and teach) of the word (Bible).

Deacons

1. “*Deacon*” = **servant**.
2. “*Deacon*” = a **job / office of the church**
3. “*Deacon*” = **Help** the pastors by **doing all the non-teaching service** so that the pastor has much time to focus on teaching and prayer.
4. “*Deacon*” = has a **list of qualifications** same as the pastor.

2. Qualifications for Deacons



(1 Tim 3:8) Likewise (same) must the **deacons** be **grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;**

1. “grave” = respected

2. “not doubletongued” = not a hypocrite

3. “not given to much wine” = not drunk

4. “not greedy of filthy lucre” = not love money

(1 Tim 3:9) Holding (keeping / obeying) the mystery of
 the faith (Bible) in a pure conscience (clean heart—not
hiding sin).

5. Knows, Loves, and Obeys the Bible

(1 Tim 3:10) *And let **these** (deacons) also first be proved (tested); then let them use the **office** (work) **of a deacon**, being found blameless (not fail).*

6. **Not** a new / baby Christian;

Has been a trustworthy servant in the church

(1 Tim 3:11) *Even so (same) must their (deacon's) wives be grave (respected), not slanderers (not gossip / tell lies about people), sober (wise), faithful in all things [knows, loves, and obeys the Bible].*

7. Faithful Wife

(1 Tim 3:12) *Let the **deacons** be the **husbands of one wife**, ruling their children and their own houses well.*

8. **Faithful to his wife**

9. **Obedient family**

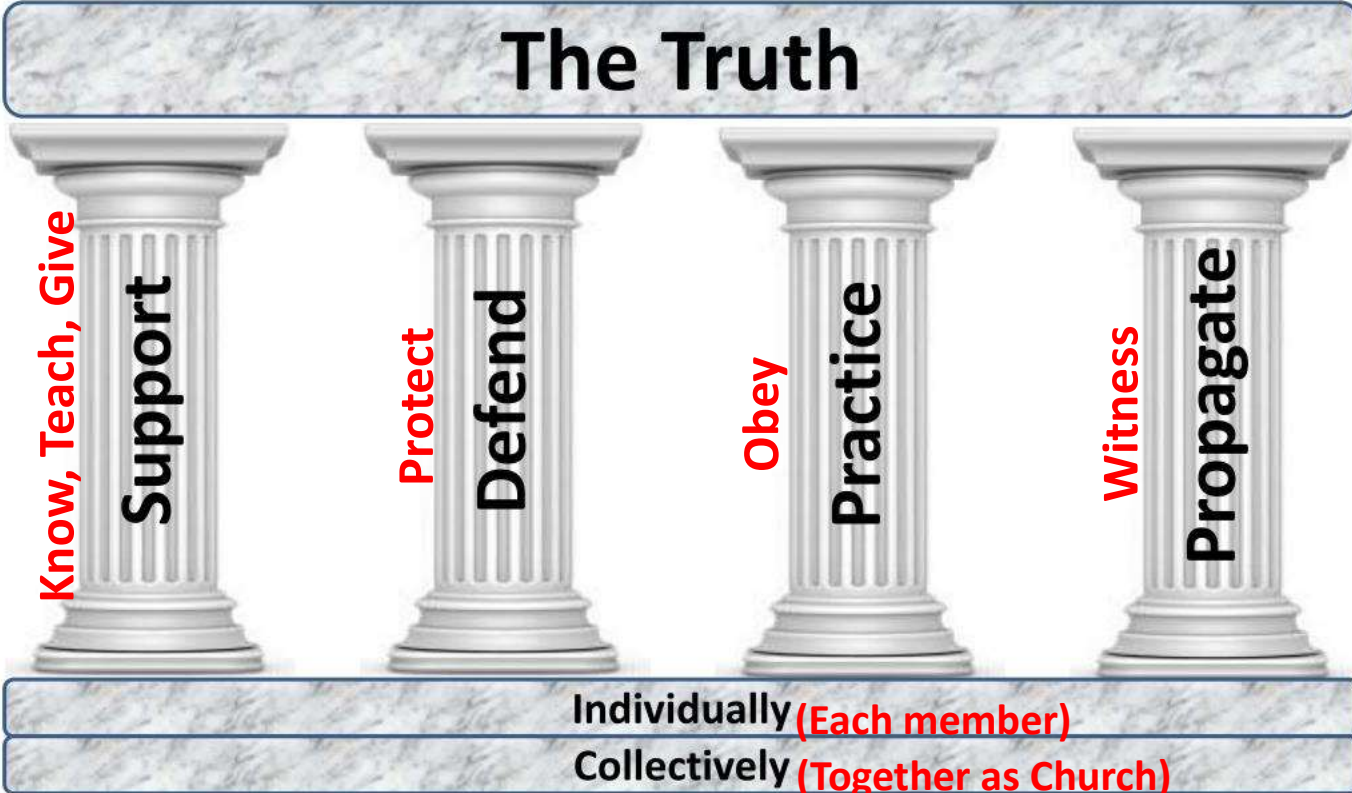
(1 Tim 3:13) For *they* (**Deacons**) that have *used the office* (**work**) *of a deacon well* purchase (**get**) to themselves a good degree (**respected person—good name/example**), and great boldness (**strong**) in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

A good Deacon:

1. Will be respected in the church
2. Will be a good witness for Jesus outside the church.

[Acts 6:3 Being a good Deacon is only possible by the control of the Holy Spirit]

3. The Church Must Know, Love, and Obey the Bible



- 1. **Defend:** Jude 3, Titus 1:9-16, 2 Timothy 2:15, Galatians 2:1-14, 1 Peter 3:15
- 2. **Practice:** 2 John 4-6, 3 John 3, 1 Timothy 4:12, Titus 2:7
- 3. **Propagate:** Acts 8:5, Acts 8:35, Acts 9:20, Acts 10:36, 1 Corinthians 1:23, 2 Cor. 4:5
- 4. **Support:** Philippians 4:14-20, 1 Corinthians 9:3-14

(1 Tim 3:14) *These things write I (Paul) unto thee (Timothy), hoping to come unto thee shortly (soon): (15) But if I tarry long (late), that thou mayest know how thou oughtest (must) to behave (do) thyself in the **house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth** [the mystery of godliness].*

1. [1 Cor. 14.40] God wants things done **His way** in **His house**—He has given the **orders** for **His House**.
2. **God's House**—**the church**—shows "**the truth**".

(1 Tim 3:16) *And without controversy (no doubt) great is the mystery of godliness (The Truth / God's way—Bible): God was manifest (show) in the flesh (man's body), justified (prove true—right) in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

Foundational Truth

Jesus was born and is “God with us” [Emmanuel].

The Holy Spirit's Power proved Jesus was truly God [miracles / the Resurrection]

Angels served and witnessed for Jesus on earth.

Jesus—the Gospel—is being preached to every nation of the world.

People in all the world are believing in Jesus.

Jesus' name is above all names; Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords