

Deacons

1 Timothy 3:8-13

I. The Work of Deacons

A. Not listed anywhere in the Bible

Spirit appointed lack of specificity

B. What a Deacon is Not

A junior elder A political appointment

A life time appointment

C. What a Deacon's Job Is

Servant/Worker. A Man Who Can Be Trusted

Acts 6 not called deacons but that's what they did.

Acts 4:35, 37, 5:2 things for needy laid at apostles feet.

Men with Greek names freed apostles to pray and preach

II. The Qualifications of Deacons

1 Timothy 3:8-13, Acts 6:1-7

Good Repute

(Men With Honor)

Not double tongued

Not deceitful, they
are trustworthy

Tested and proven

Known to be able to do the work

Wives are dignified

Husband of one wife

3:11 likewise their women

Reverent

Not slanderers

Temperate

Faithful in all things

Full of the Spirit

(Spiritual Men)

Dignified

Serious about the work

Not greedy for dishonest gain

Not covetous or dishonest
with money

Clear conscience in matters of faith

Know the Bible enough not to
get pulled back and forth by
strange doctrine

Full of wisdom

(Men having made good choices)

Not addicted to much wine

Not consumed or occupied by alcohol

Manage children and house well

Wives and children not
a hinderance to their work

III. The Purpose of Deacons

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