

APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS

I TIMOTHY 3:8-13

*To my disciple
— preserve, protect, pass!*

COMPLEMENTARY ROLES, EQUAL HONOUR & DIGNITY!

I TIM. 3:14-16

These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, **that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house (household / family) of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. ..

I TIMOTHY: QUESTIONS

- If we read I Tim. 3 literally, it appears only men can be pastors/elders/deacons. Does the Bible imply that women are inferior?

I TIMOTHY: QUESTIONS

- You implied that I Tim 3 applies to all believers in the church, but it looks like it's only about the office of overseer and deacons. Please explain.

I TIM. 4:11 & 12

These things command and teach.

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

I TIMOTHY 3: PASTORAL QUALITIES / APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS

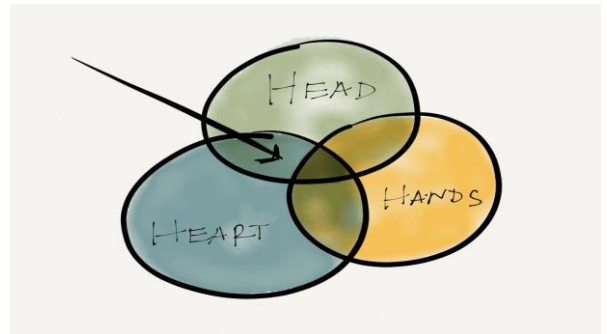
- Desire high standards of character and conduct in the church family



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I TIM. 3:2

A **bishop (overseer)** then must be
cf. v8 ...Likewise must the **deacons** be

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I TIM. 3:1, 10

- v. 1 A **bishop (overseer)** then must be **blameless ...**
 v. 10 ... then let them use the office of a **deacon**, being found **blameless**.

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Deacon (*diakonos*) = minister / servant / assistant

APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS - ACTS 6:1-7

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations (diakonia – service, in this case of food).

APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS - ACTS 6:1-7

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables (*diakonein*).

APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS - ACTS 6:1-7

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

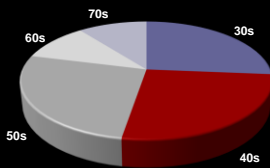
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And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

APPOINT THE RIGHT DEACONS - ACTS 6:1-7

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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A. Character - worthy of respect?

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- not given to much wine,
- not greedy of filthy lucre;

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Alcohol?

Yes, No, or Maybe?

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I TIM. 3:9

Holding (preserving) the mystery (revealed truth) of the faith in a pure conscience.

i.e. keeping the genuineness of your faith by Christ-like testimony!

I TIMOTHY 1:19

... a good **conscience**, which some having put away (*rejected*) concerning faith have made shipwreck: ...

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I TIM. 3:10

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- B. Leadership - shows effectiveness?

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B. Leadership – worthy of following?

1. Caring leadership of wives and family

I TIM. 3:11

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I TIM. 3:2,11,23

v.2...the husband of one **wife**

v.11 Even so must their **wives** (women) be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

v.12 ...the husband of one **wife**

I TIMOTHY 5:9

Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been **the wife of one man**.

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Even so must their wives be grave (worthy of respect),

- not slanderers,
- sober (*temperate, level-headed*),
- faithful (*trustworthy*) in all things.

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B. Leadership – worthy of following?

1. **Caring leadership of wives and family**

I TIM. 3:12

... Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, (“one-woman” man), ruling (leading) their children and their own houses well.

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... The judge ruled that the principal was justified in holding on to the phone, as the school rules had made it clear that any student caught using a phone during school hours will have it confiscated for at least three months...

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- B. Leadership – worthy of following?
 - I. Caring leadership of wives and family
 - II. *Effective servant-leadership of ministry*

I TIM. 3:13

...For they that have used the office of a deacon well

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For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves

- a good degree (standing)
 - and great boldness (confidence)
- in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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I TIMOTHY 3

“Hello, I am a church leader and I am accountable ...”

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