

A FEW GOOD MEN
What the Bible Says about Deacons

I. JOB DESCRIPTION (ACTS 6:1-6):

- Vs. 2: "To serve tables"
- Serve = _____
- Deacons are:
 - Not required to be _____ or overseers
 - Although they may be administrators
 - Not required to be _____ or preachers
 - But _____
 - They must exercise the spiritual gift of ministry (Rom. 12:7).
 - They attend to the needs of the congregation so the pastor's time can be freed up for prayer and the ministry of the _____ (Acts 6:4)
- In our church, deacons serve:
 - Through their personal involvement in and management of ministries in the church.
 - By caring for _____ with needs.
 - By providing _____, support, prayer, and accountability for the pastor(s).

II. SUBJECTIVE QUALIFICATIONS (ACTS 6:3):

- Honest report = bearing witness, well reported of
- Full of the Holy _____
 - Seen in a life of _____ (vs. 5)
 - Seen by the _____ of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - Seen by the Spirit's enabling _____ for service
- Full of wisdom
 - _____ wisdom and administrative skills
 - _____ wisdom (James 3:17-18) = Spirit filling

III. OBJECTIVE QUALIFICATIONS (1 TIMOTHY 3:8-12):

- Vs. 8:
 - Grave = meriting profound respect, _____
 - Not doubletongued = not _____ or hypocritical
 - Not given to much wine = not holding his mind on wine; an _____

- Not greedy of filthy lucre = not greedy of financial gain, base gain, or generally self-_____
- Vs. 9:
 - Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience = he knows and sincerely lives the _____
- Vs. 10:
 - And let these also first be proved
 - approved after _____ or testing
 - Then let them use the office of a deacon, being found _____
 - provided they are found unaccused, without charge
- Vs. 11:
 - Even so must their wives be:
 - Grave = respectable, dignified
 - Not slanderers = not false accusers, _____
 - Sober = serious-minded, watchful, circumspect
 - _____ in all things = very general
- Vs. 12:
 - Husbands of one wife = a one-woman man
 - Not _____
 - Not a polygamist
 - Not divorced and _____
 - _____ their children and their own houses well
 - Present tense = current management of the home

IV. REWARDS (1 TIMOTHY 3:13):

- Used the office of a deacon = _____
- Purchase = win, achieve, gain for oneself
 - A good _____
 - A beautiful _____ in the sight of God and man
 - The honor and esteem of the church and the world
 - A well-done from the Lord Jesus!
 - Great _____ in the faith
 - A God-confident boldness of life and manner in Christ

V. CONCLUSION

- There's no greater _____ than to be called upon to serve the King of Kings!