

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ

Deacons

Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Truth: Deacons serve with the Pastors to minister to the needs of the members of the fellowship.

1. Who are the chief leaders of the local church?

- Elder - a mature/seasoned leader (who he is).
- Bishop/Overseer - a supervisor (what he does).
- Shepherd/Pastor - one who cares for others (attitude/character).

2. Who are the Deacons of the local church?

- Deacons - servants; those who carry out the orders of a master or leader.
- Always plural. Just as there are to be multiple Pastors in a church, there are to be multiple Deacons in a church.

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3. The issue regarding Deacons.

- Not so much what they do as to who they are.
- Their's is a ministry unto the Lord in the service of His people.

4. The character of Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-12).

a. Personal character.

- Reverent (3:8) _____

- Not double-tongued (3:8) _____

- Not given to much wine (3:8) _____

- Not greedy for money (3:8) _____

b. Spiritual character.

- Hold the mystery of faith with a pure conscience (3:9)

- Tested (3:10) _____

- Blameless (3:10) _____

- Rule their households well (3:12) _____
