

## THE PASTORAL LETTERS

### Considering Deacons

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

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1. **The Scriptures indicate that God desires that every local church have shepherding oversight, provided through the Elders, as well as servant officers who serve alongside as Deacons.**
  
2. **The servant leadership that the Deacons provide is important in enabling the local church to live as the household of God, the church of the living God, and being the pillar and support of truth.**
  - a. Deacons are to be people of good character—men of good \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1) Their \_\_\_\_\_ is characterized by integrity.
    - 2) They show self-control in regard to their appetites.
    - 3) They are \_\_\_\_\_—not greedy.
    - 4) They have a good understanding of the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and serve the Lord with a good conscience.
    - 5) If married, they are a “one woman man” and have a well-ordered \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. The Elders and the local congregation make an assessment of their life and ability to serve as a Deacon.
  
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Deacons can be a big help to their husbands and they too are to be people of good character.
  - 1) Their speech is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) They show self-control in regard to their appetites.
  - 3) They are \_\_\_\_\_ Christians.

*“What a tremendous privilege it is to have an honorable standing in God’s house! It is better than having a good standing in the highest government position or in a prestigious university. God’s household—His Church—is the most important \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.”*  
- Alexander Strauch

3. **Servanthood is highly valued by the Lord and that is reflected in the service of the Deacons.**
  - a. The Deacons are meant to call attention to the holy and humble \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  
  - b. It is through the ministry of the Deacons and the members of local congregations that \_\_\_\_\_ continues to serve His Church.