

## *The Two Offices*

### **T** \_\_\_\_\_ **o** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Pastor and Deacon*)

The Scriptures mention two offices with the church: pastor (*also called elder or bishop*) and deacon.

- Deacons are special servants of the church whose job it is to serve the church:
  - **Acts 6**
  - **I Timothy 3.8-13**
- The responsibility and treatment for pastors is found and determined in Scripture (*it is important that we obtain our 'qualifications' for these positions by rightly dividing the word of truth as opposed to the popular dividing of the brethren. This is not a decision that is determined via certain 'camp' of private interpretation*):
  - **Acts 20.28**
  - **Ephesians 4.11-16**
  - **I Thessalonians 5.12-13**
  - **I Timothy 3.1-7**
  - **I Timothy 5.17-19**
  - **Titus 1.6-9**
  - **Hebrews 13.7**
  - **Hebrews 13.17**
  - **Galatians 6.6**
- **The Office of Pastor**
  - **T** \_\_\_\_\_ :
    - **P** \_\_\_\_\_ – one who feeds and nourishes
    - **B** \_\_\_\_\_ – one who administrates or oversees
    - **E** \_\_\_\_\_ – one who leads and counsels
      - All three refer to the same office – **I Peter 5.1-4; Titus 1.5-7**
  - **Q** \_\_\_\_\_ – **Titus 1.5-9; I Timothy 3.1-7**
    - **B** \_\_\_\_\_ : Above reproach – **I Timothy 3.2**
    - The **h** \_\_\_\_\_ of **o** \_\_\_\_\_ **w** \_\_\_\_\_ : Fully devoted to one wife(a woman), the Bible and Baptist historically and continually reject the teaching of polygamy and/or bigamy – **I Timothy 3.2**
    - **V** \_\_\_\_\_ : alert and watchful – **I Timothy 3.2**
    - **G** \_\_\_\_\_ to **h** \_\_\_\_\_ : Warm and kind to guest and others – **I Timothy 3.2**
    - **A** \_\_\_\_\_ to **t** \_\_\_\_\_ : The ability to teach – **I Timothy 3.2**
    - Not **g** \_\_\_\_\_ to **w** \_\_\_\_\_ : Does not partake in fermented beverage – **I Timothy 3.3**
    - No **s** \_\_\_\_\_ : Not easy moved to fight – **I Timothy 3.3**
    - Not **g** \_\_\_\_\_ of **f** \_\_\_\_\_ **l** \_\_\_\_\_ – Does not desire or seek dishonest gain – **I Timothy 3.3**
    - **P** \_\_\_\_\_ – **I Timothy 3.3**
    - Not a **b** \_\_\_\_\_ : Reluctant to fight – **I Timothy 3.3**
    - Not **c** \_\_\_\_\_ : Free from the love of money – **I Timothy 3.3**

- One who r\_\_\_\_\_ his h\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ : Manages his house properly and in order – **I Timothy 3.4**
- Having his c\_\_\_\_\_ in s\_\_\_\_\_ with all g\_\_\_\_\_ : obedient children – **I Timothy 3.4**
- Not a n\_\_\_\_\_ : New convert – **I Timothy 3.6**
- Having a g\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_ of them which are w\_\_\_\_\_ : A good reputation of them outside of the church – **I Timothy 3.7**
- **R\_\_\_\_\_**
  - P\_\_\_\_\_ – **Acts 20.28; II Timothy 4.2; I Peter 5.1-5**
  - T\_\_\_\_\_ – **Ephesians 4.11**
  - R\_\_\_\_\_ – **I Timothy 5.17; Hebrews 13.7, 17**
  - W\_\_\_\_\_ – **I Thessalonians 5.12-13**
  - P\_\_\_\_\_ – **Acts 6.4; James 5.14-16**
  - T\_\_\_\_\_ – **Ephesians 4.12**
  - E\_\_\_\_\_ – **II Timothy 4.5**
- **The Office of D\_\_\_\_\_**
  - **Title**
    - S\_\_\_\_\_ (to serve) – **Acts 6.2**
  - **Qualifications** – **Acts 6.2-7; I Timothy 3.8-13**
    - Of h\_\_\_\_\_ report: honest reputation – **Acts 6.3**
    - F\_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit – **Acts 6.3**
    - F\_\_\_\_\_ with wisdom – **Acts 6.3**
    - G\_\_\_\_\_ in c\_\_\_\_\_ : man of stateliness – **I Timothy 3.8**
    - Not d\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ : Not to have a hypocritical speech but rather one characterized by integrity, consistency and honesty – **I Timothy 3.8**
    - Not g\_\_\_\_\_ to much w\_\_\_\_\_ : a moderate man in delights, having not a false balance (*the wine spoken of here is not fermented, but simple fruit juice. The Greek word 'oinos' is translated here as opposed when dealing with a pastor the Greek word for wine is paroinos, meaning fermented wine. The addition 'par' is where we get the English usage of 'para', meaning along side. Paroinos was fruit/grape juice with something 'along side': fermentation*). – **I Timothy 3.8**
    - Not g\_\_\_\_\_ to f\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_ : Not desirous of dishonest gain – **I Timothy 3.8**
    - Possessing faith with a pure conscience: Doctrinally sound – **I Timothy 3.9**
    - P\_\_\_\_\_ : Tested – **I Timothy 3.10**
    - B\_\_\_\_\_ : beyond reproach – **I Timothy 3.10**
    - The h\_\_\_\_\_ of o\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ : Fully devoted to one wife(woman), the Bible and Baptist historically and continually reject the teaching of polygamy and/or bigamy – **I Timothy 3.12**
    - R\_\_\_\_\_ their c\_\_\_\_\_ and their h\_\_\_\_\_ well – **I Timothy 3.12**
  - **Responsibilities**

- The title of deacon means '*one who serves*' or '*servant*', therefore by simple definition a deacon is one who serves the church. The deacon is to assist the pastor in serving the church; they are NOT to operate as a ruler in and/or of the church or pastor.

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**VIII. S \_\_\_\_\_ of the B \_\_\_\_\_**

Baptist have long believed in the security of the believer, that is to say once a person truly and purely is saved, born again of the blood Christ by repenting toward Christ and believing on His name for salvation, they can never lose that salvation in the church age dispensation.

**I John 5.13**

- If one could earn salvation then it would be quite possible to lose their salvation. The assurance of salvation is what gives the believer comfort and confidence to share the Gospel of the living Christ.
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