

Deacons

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The Bible has few \_\_\_\_\_ about what a deacon is to do.

### **What is their relationship with the pastor?**

Pastor=Elder=Overseer

Hebrews 13:17 – “Obey your leaders”

- The elder and the deacons are not at the same level of \_\_\_\_\_ or authority.
- The job of the deacon isn't to “run things”.
- It is to \_\_\_\_\_ problems and \_\_\_\_\_ people so the elders can be devoted to the over-seeing of the church which includes the study and teaching of God's Word and prayer.

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### **Qualifications of a Deacon - 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

- Dignified – Worthy of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Prohibitions
  - Not \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not addicted to much \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not \_\_\_\_\_
    - Deacons must be men of integrity and \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ who live \_\_\_\_\_ Christian lives in full view of their fellow believers AND their family.
- Hold the mystery of the \_\_\_\_\_ with a clear conscience.
  - A deacon must be convinced that God's Word is true, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ /proven –
- Their wives...
- be the husband of one wife - he is a one-woman man.
  - A divorced man can be a deacon...with caution.
- \_\_\_\_\_ their children and their households well.

Thought: The role of deacon is serious business because we are doing God's business.

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### **What you need to do - Hebrews 13: 18**

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Pray for that man who will come onto the deacon body in January.

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  - Not addicted to much wine
  - Not greedy
    - Deacons must be men of integrity and self-control who live consistent Christian lives in full view of their fellow believers AND their family.
- Hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.
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- Tested /proven –
- Their wives...
- be the husband of one wife - he is a one-woman man.
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- Manage their children and their households well.

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