

## Paul's Vision for the Deacons

### Chapter 4

#### ASSISTING THE ELDERS WITH THE CARE OF GOD'S CHURCH

1. Looking at 1 Timothy 3:14-15 what was Paul's main intention in writing to Timothy?
2. How does Paul describe the church in the last part of 3:15?
3. Why do the Scriptures provide the character qualifications for Elders and Deacons in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1?
4. From your reading does the Bible teach that every church should have at least one deacon or more than one deacon?
5. What are some benefits of the Scriptural injunction to have a plurality of deacons?
6. What is the nature of the warning found in 1 Timothy 5:22 and 1 Timothy 3:10?
7. Compare the character qualification for Deacons in Acts 6 with those of 1 Timothy 3:8-9. Is there any correlation between the two lists?
8. Look at the first qualification in 1 Timothy 3:8; must be men of DIGNITY. What does this mean?
9. What would the opposite of a man of dignity be like in everyday life?
10. The second qualification is that the Deacon must not be DOUBLE TONGUED. What does that mean?
11. NOT ADDICTED TO MUCH WINE. Why would this be a problem?
12. NOT FOND OF SORDID GAIN. What does this mean?

13. BUT HOLDING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE. The author referred to this as “A Man’s Life and Doctrine Must Match.” Why did he use that phrase?
  
14. How will the congregation know if a person is qualified to be a deacon according to 1 Timothy 3:10?
  
15. Whom, do you think, would be key in the process of the testing of deacons?
  
16. What are some areas that you think conflict might arise between Deacons and Elders?
  
17. How can conflict be avoided, and if it arises, how can it be handled?