

**Cityview Bible Church
DEACON APPLICATION FORM**

Deacon Candidate _____ Date _____

This survey is intended to help us and you determine if you are the person God has called to be a deacon at CITYVIEW. It is designed to probe the areas of character, skills, experience, and preparation for eldership. It should help you and the elders of CITYVIEW understand your present state. It will require some frank and honest soul-searching before the Lord. However, it is not intended to be legalistic. No one is without sin nor does anyone have a perfect ministry history. Please view this as a tool to help measure your progress toward spiritual maturity.

Allow a few minutes to answer each question. After you have finished, return this questionnaire to the senior pastor or board chairman for the elders to review. Then a follow-up interview may be scheduled to help determine how or if to continue the process. Your answers will be kept in the strictest confidence.

I. CHARACTER & RELATIONSHIPS: This is the most essential area for all deacons. It is based on biblical standards.

A. Biblical Qualifications. (1 Tim 3:8-13; Acts 6:3).

Check the corresponding numbers that best characterizes where you feel you are today in each area. (1=Failing; 2=Struggling; 3=Average; 4=Succeeding; 5=Modeling).

	1	2	3	4	5
1. Good Reputation	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Full of the Holy Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3. Full of Wisdom	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4. Respectable	<input type="checkbox"/>				
5. Not Hypocritical	<input type="checkbox"/>				
6. Not a Drunkard	<input type="checkbox"/>				
7. Not Greedy for Money	<input type="checkbox"/>				
8. Strong in Faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				
9. Maintains a Clear Conscience	<input type="checkbox"/>				
10. Not Slanderers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
11. Self Controlled	<input type="checkbox"/>				
12. Faithful in All Things	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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| 13. Competent Manager Of Household | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Faithful Leadership Of Children | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please comment on any areas you believe may disqualify you for Deacon Ministry:

After you take the assessment, please ask your spouse (or an accountability partner, if you are single) to evaluate you. Check the corresponding numbers that best characterizes where you feel they are today in each area. (1=Failing; 2=Struggling; 3=Average; 4=Succeeding; 5=Modeling).

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Please comment on any areas you believe may disqualify them for Deacon Ministry:

B. Devotional Life. (“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me.” John 15:5)

Serving others can only be sustained by a strong personal relationship with the Lord.
How would you describe your relationship with the Lord?

1. My time with the Lord is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seldom | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sporadic | <input type="checkbox"/> Rich |

2. One thing God has taught me in the last month from His Word is:

3. How do you protect your time with the Lord each day?

4. One thing God has shown me in prayer in the last month is:

C. Family Life.

1. My relationship with my spouse is:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> cool | <input type="checkbox"/> growing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rocky | <input type="checkbox"/> satisfying |

Please elaborate:

Check corresponding boxes

- | | yes | no | not sure |
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| 2. Have you and your spouse been baptized as believers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. My spouse is supportive of my current ministry involvement: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. My children are growing in their faith: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. My children are obedient: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

D. Financial & Material Stewardship:

1. When it comes to what the Bible teaches about money, I:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> Understand it plainly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Am a little unclear | <input type="checkbox"/> Could teach others |

2. My personal practice of stewardship is: (Choose all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Living beyond my means. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living at a comfortable level. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giving to God regularly. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Giving to God sacrificially. |

3. What percentage of your income do you give to support CITYVIEW? _____

4. Would any of your _____ be surprised that you are a church deacon?
- | | Yes | NO |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. creditors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. co-workers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. neighbors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. friends | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

II. MINISTRY EXPERIENCE & SKILLS: Deacons should have a life that reflects a history of proven faithfulness and effectiveness in ministry. Paul says of Timothy, "...has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel." (Phil. 2:22)

A. History. (1 Cor. 4:2)

1. How long have you been a growing believer? _____

Please explain:

2. How long have you been attending CBC? _____

3. What church positions or ministries have you served in?

at CBC

at another church

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| a. _____ | a. _____ |
| b. _____ | b. _____ |
| c. _____ | c. _____ |
| d. _____ | d. _____ |

4. In what area are you currently serving? _____

B. Effectiveness. (1 Tim. 4:14; 1 Cor. 12:7)

1. What is/are your spiritual gift(s)? _____

2. How have these gifts been confirmed? _____

3. What would you consider your greatest ministry success? _____

- failure? _____

4. Who would you list as a personal reference that would testify to your faithfulness in ministry?

_____ Why? _____

C. Evangelism & Discipleship:

1. Can you share your personal testimony & give a clear gospel presentation? _____
(To be given in interview)

2. Have you:
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| | yes | no | |
| a. Led a person to Christ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | who? _____ |
| b. Helped a new convert? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | who? _____ |
| c. Discipled another? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | who? _____ |
| d. Currently discipling? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | who? _____ |

III. DOCTRINE & PRACTICES: Deacons need to agree with the church's doctrinal positions and leadership structure.

A. Doctrine:

	Yes	No	Unsure
1. Do you fully agree with the church doctrinal statement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Please explain)

B. Practices:

1. Do you fully agree with our Principles & Practices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Please explain)

C. Is there anything that we are currently doing as a church that you do not support?

IV. PREPARATION:

To function effectively as an deacon at CBC, we feel that you must be prepared.

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| | Yes | No |
| 1. Understand/Agree with the Vision Statement. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Member of the Church | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Do | Don't |
| 3. Participate in a Realife Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Serve in a weekly ministry area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

V. PASSION:

We have several areas of deacon ministry. In which areas do you feel called to serve those in need?

	YES	NO
1. Benevolence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Orphans and Widows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Sick and Hospitalized	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Families in Physical Crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain your answers:

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____