

DISCOVER ELDER/DEACON SUGGESTION FORM

I Timothy 3:1-13

¹Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer [elder], he desires a noble task. ²Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not given to much wine, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (⁵If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

⁸Deacons, likewise, are to be worthy of respect, sincerity, and integrity, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

¹¹In the same way, their spouses are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

¹²Let the deacon be a faithful spouse and manage their children and household well. ¹³Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Having studied the above qualifications for elders [overseers] and deacons [servant leaders], and having carefully considered the lifestyle required, I prayerfully suggest:

To be considered for the role of (circle one):

ELDER / DEACON

I suggest this potential candidate for the following reasons:

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I understand that the suggestion of a potential candidate is a private matter, not to be discussed with them or others. I will keep this matter in my prayers.

Signed _____

Date _____

Your signature is necessary to validate your suggestion, so we can reach you if further dialogue is needed. Please submit your form by November 30, 2026, by placing it in one of the offering boxes, or electronically to scotth@discovercc.org.