

The Deacon's and Wives

Dynamic Faith

1 Tim. 3:8-13

1 Timothy: Living Love in the Local Church, part 8

- A “deacon” is a servant who _____ of another. _____ is the ultimate servant.

Mark 10:43-45: But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your **minister** (*diakonos*). And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant (*doulos*) of all. For even the Son of man came not to be **ministered** (*diakonos*) unto, but to **minister** (*diakonos*), and to give his life a ransom for many.

- In the NT, every believer is a _____ of Jesus Christ (and no one needs a position or title to serve Jesus):

2 Cor.3:5-6; Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us **able ministers of the new testament**; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Romans 16:1; I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church...

- The focus of this passage is on the _____ and not the duties of a deacon.

- What makes a “model servant?” A personal faith, living out THE faith (v.9,13,11). Let’s consider four aspects of a deacon’s faith:

1. This Faith is _____, v.9

A. A mystery is something _____, and one must have spiritual discernment to grasp it. Ephesians 6:19; Col.1:27; Ephesians 3:3-10.

B. “The faith” (v.9) is not the personal faith of the deacons, but the objective body of _____, clearly revealed by God which we hold dear.

C. This faith is practical, and it is lived out in a _____.

2. This Faith is _____, v.8

A. In the Deacon’s _____, v.8

- Grave (a person worthy of respect), self controlled in their speech, their drinking, and their handling of money. Each of these areas can cause great problems!

B. In the Deacon’s _____, v.11,12

1.) Must have godly wives (v.11)

- Note the similarity between these four qualifications (v.11) and those in verse 8: Grave (same word as in v.8); not slanderers (not double tongued); sober (not given to much wine); faithful in all things (not greedy).

2.) Deacons must have ordered homes, v.12

3. This Faith is _____, v.10

4. This Faith is _____, v.13

- A deacon's faith...

A. Develop's their _____

B. Deepen's their _____

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