

Full of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom

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1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-7

I. Deacons

- A. Dignity – acts appropriately
- B. Integrity – doesn't talk about both sides of his mouth
- C. Temperate – does not deal with his problems using alcohol
- D. Trustworthy with money – won't seek dishonest money
- E. A Christian with no secret sins – holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience
- F. Proven faithful – by past conduct
- G. One-woman men and one-man women
- H. Good at ruling your children
- I. Good at ruling your household

II. Deaconesses

- A. There is an expectation that women as well as men will share in this office (Romans 16:1 also Clement of Alexandria: *Stromata* 3.6.53; John Chrysostom: *Apostolic Constitutions* 8.19.1-8.20.1-2)
- B. Dignified – same concept
- C. Not slanderous – the word is the same as the word translated “devils”
- D. Sober-minded
- E. Faithful in all things

III. Full of the Holy Spirit and of Wisdom (Acts 6:3)

- A. Response to urgent need: select excellent men!
- B. Full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom (see Deuteronomy 34:9; also 2 Chronicles 23:15; Leviticus 8:14)
- C. Full of the Spirit: having a living, personal, internal relationship with God
- D. Can you see others who are full of the Spirit? (Acts 6:5, 10; 7:55; 11:24; 13:52)
- E. This is something we are commanded to seek! (Ephesians 5:18)
- F. Full of wisdom

IV. The Servant King

- A. Isaiah promised the coming of the Lord's Servant (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
- B. He is not always described as a servant (Isaiah 11:1-9)
- C. How can this be the same person?
- D. If you believe this, you will *want* more of the Holy Spirit (see James 1:5; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:17)