

The Pastoral Epistles

I Timothy 3:8-13 – “⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.”

This passage deals with another office of importance in the church, that of the “_____.” Like the bishop, he is to be a man of exemplary character.

He must be “dignified.” He is a _____-minded man.

He must not be “double-tongued.” He doesn’t _____ one thing and mean another.

He must not be “addicted to much wine.” He isn’t _____-_____ with wine, to an extent that it has any ability to manipulate him.

He must not be “greedy for dishonest gain.” He doesn’t look to profit from either socially, or Biblically _____ means.

He must “hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.” He is _____ to Christianity without _____ of the same.

He must “be tested first.” There must be sufficient time for his actions to be adequately observed so that the church is satisfied with his _____.

He must have a wife who is:

“dignified”- She too is _____-minded.

“not a slanderer”- She isn’t eager to point out another’s _____.

“sober-minded”- She is _____, not controlled by emotion.

“faithful in all things”- She is a lady of _____.

He must “be the husband of one wife.” He is _____ to one woman.

He must manage his “children” and “household” well. He is a man who _____ over his children, and the affairs of his family. He wears the _____.

There is a two-fold result for deacons serving well (which means they started serving well, they continue serve well, and they end their service well). They gain:

1. “a good _____”
2. “great _____ in the faith”