

## 1 Timothy 3:8

### *Deaconship*

What is a Deacon?

What does a Deacon do?

## Application of 1 Tim 3:8

1. Why is understanding deaconship important and how will this impact you personally, the ministry of the church, and the testimony of the church?
2. How might a church be impacted positively with a strong biblical deacon ministry and impacted negatively without such?
3. What's the root/basic meaning behind the word "deacon"?
4. How would you define what a deacon is, in the context of 1 Tim 3?
5. What's the difference between the office of "deacon" (1 Tim 3:8-13; Phil 1:1) and the general service of believers who were also referred to in Greek as "deacons" in the NT (e.g. Rom 16:1; Eph 6:21; Col 1:7)?  
How is this similar to the formal position of "Elder" with more general references (using the same Greek word) to "elder" (i.e. older person)?
6. What qualifications listed in vv. 8-13 point to the deacon's role as one who relates with people, handles money, and is entrusted with tasks of management? How might these tasks assist the elders?
7. How does Acts 6 provide an example for the work of a deacon to assist the elders in their primary responsibilities?
8. Though you may not be in the office of deacon or even gifted with the spiritual gift of service, prayerfully consider your service to the church (i.e. building up the body of Christ)? This includes formal and informal ways.
9. Reflect on Christ's service (Mark 10:45) and the Father's honour (John 12:26) as motivation for your service.

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 3:8-13

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
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<u>Chapter</u>	<p>What does a <i>D</i> _____ <i>D</i> _____ ?</p>	
<u>Verses</u>		

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Deacon(s)/ Deaconship	Lead/ leadership	Paul	Serve/ Service

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: