

1 Timothy 3:8-10

The Life and Service of a Deacon – Part 1

A Deacon's Character (v. 8)

A Deacon's Faith (v. 9)

A Deacon's Examination (v. 10)

Application of 1 Timothy 3:8-10

1. “Dignified” means ‘worthy of respect, sensible, serious.’ How would you rate the respect you deserve, your sensibleness and seriousness? Is there a particular area God has highlighted in your life related to this and how can you grow in this?
2. “Not double-tongued” refers to a person who doesn’t say different things to different people, but means what they say and can be trusted to speak the truth. How does this characterize your speech?
 - a. Do you struggle to tell the truth because you want to tell people what they want to hear?
 - b. Does your “yes” mean “yes” and your “no” mean “no?”
 - c. Repent if needed and ask the Lord to teach you to speak the truth (Prov 24:28; Matt 5:37; Eph 4:15, 25, 29)
3. How do your actions with your money (and possessions) reveal your view of God and money?
 - a. Do you spend, save, and give as if it’s God money?
 - b. Does money (or lack of money) motivate your actions or are you motivated by a desire to please and honour the Lord?
4. “holding to the mystery of the faith” describes the importance of understanding the Gospel and firmly holding to its truth.
 - a. How would you explain the Gospel (with supporting verses)?
 - b. What is it about the Gospel that makes it worth holding onto?
5. Why is a person’s conscience an important aspect of spiritual growth and service in the church? How would you describe your conscience (good, clear, weak, wounded, defiled, or seared)? How do you teach your conscience?
6. What dangers can be avoided by testing and approving candidates for leadership in the church?
7. What did God speak to you about most specifically from these verses? Talk to him about it right now!

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> <i>The L_____ and S_____ of a D_____</i> <i>(Part _____)</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	<i>A D_____ C_____ (v. ____)</i> <i>A D_____ F_____ (v. ____)</i>	
<u>Verses</u>	<i>A D_____ E_____ (v. ____)</i>	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Deacon(s)	Must	Mystery	Qualifications/ Characteristics

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: