

Worthy Servants: Deacons in a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 3:8-13

One Command of Christ

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26

Two unstated presumptions:

Deacon is an _____ of the church.

Deacon is a _____ description.

The Qualifications of Deacons: Exemplary Servants

They must be _____.

They must not be _____, addicted to much _____, nor _____ for dishonest gain.

They must _____ the Gospel.

The church should _____ them...

and then let them serve if they prove themselves _____.

Speed Bump: "Their wives likewise..." 1 Timothy 3:11a

_____ or _____; No " _____ " there.

2 Plausible interpretations

1.

2.

Qualifications for women: _____, not _____, sober-minded, _____ in all things.

The Qualifications of (men) deacons:

Deacons should be _____ husbands.

Deacons should be good _____ of their families.

Promise of Reward:

Good _____ for themselves

Great _____ in the faith

Practical Applications for Calvary:

_____ your deacons

Answer the call to _____ our deacons

Empower deacons to serve our _____ needs

Assume _____ of selecting good candidates

Points of Growth for the deacon ministry:

Shift mindset to " _____ " model

Elevate Staff/Deacon _____