

Bible Leaders & Leadership

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Philippians 1:1

I. “*Deacons likewise . . .*”

INTRO.:

Deuteronomy 34:5

Joshua 24:29

A. The Work of Service, (Acts 6:1-4)

1. Growing churches have problems, but God shows that by good men, these problems can be resolved.
 - a. (v. 1), “*Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose . . .*”
 - b. The Greek word for “deacon” is variously translated; *deacon* – 3x, *minister* – 7x, *servant* – 19x.

Acts 6:2, 4

1 Timothy 3:13

1 Timothy 5:17

B. The Deacons Qualifications, (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

1. Understand, in its general application the word “*servant*,” is a term that applies to *every* Christian!!!
 - a. (v. 8), “*Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine, or fond of sordid [dishonest] gain.*”

- b. (v. 9), “*....holding the mystery of godliness with a clear conscience.*”

1 Timothy 1:19

- c. (v. 10), “*Let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach*”

2. “*Women likewise . . .*” (v. 11)

- a. Some have wondered whether these “*women*” are also speaking of deacons, i.e., “*deaconesses*”?

Romans 16:1

- b. The qualifications of a deacon’s wife, “*dignified, not malicious gossips, temperate, faithful in all things.*”

Romans 1:29

- c. Now, back to deacons, (v. 12), “*Let deacons be husbands of one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households.*”

C. The Heart of a “Servant” (The attitude which should be found in a servant)

1. Humility:

- a. As we heard last week, “*...whoever wishes to be great among you shall become your servant.*”

Matthew 20:26

Luke 17:10

2. Faithfulness:

- a. The Parable of the Talents uses several adjectives to describe the various “*servants.*”

Matthew 25:14-30

Luke 1:38

3. Dedication:

- a. Jesus said, “*No servant can serve two masters; either he will hate one and love the other, or hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*”

Luke 16:13

Mark 12:30

CONCLUSIONS:

Meadows:

Mark 3:20-21

1 Timothy 3:13

Guests:

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

Mark 16:15-16