

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

DEACONS | 1 Timothy 3:8-13

WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with **worship** today?

WALK

Spend time **understanding** and **applying** God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

Each of us has a varied set of experiences with church governance (pastors, elders, deacons, committees, denominations, etc.) Some of us are newer to church and have very little experience. Open your time in prayer for unity. Pray that we would leave behind the "we've always done it this way" attitudes and be unified together under God's Word.

Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-7. What is the role of the deacon? How is that leveraged in the local church?

What is the difference between an elder and a deacon?

Imagine a church where these offices are functioning well in the church. What would that look like? Imagine a church where these offices aren't functioning well. Perhaps they're fighting over territory or perhaps they're serving but unqualified. How would that affect the local church?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

This list is specific to deacons, but can be broadly applied to every follower of Christ. Evaluate yourself (or if you're brave, ask your spouse to evaluate you) in relation to this list of qualifications. Where would you consider yourself strong? What brought conviction?

Would you consider yourself someone who aspires to the role of elder or deacon? Why or why not?

Pray for our elders and deacons, but spend some special time tonight praying specifically for our deacons.

PRAYERS & APPLICATIONS

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5 DAY READING PLAN

Each day answer the questions: What does it **say**? What does it **mean**? How should I **respond**?

DAY 1
1 Tim. 3:8-13

DAY 2
Acts 6:1-7

DAY 3
Phil. 1:1-11

DAY 4
John 12:20-26

DAY 5
Rom. 16

WORK

How should this message affect how you **serve one another**?

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WITNESS

How should this message affect how you **share the Gospel**?

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