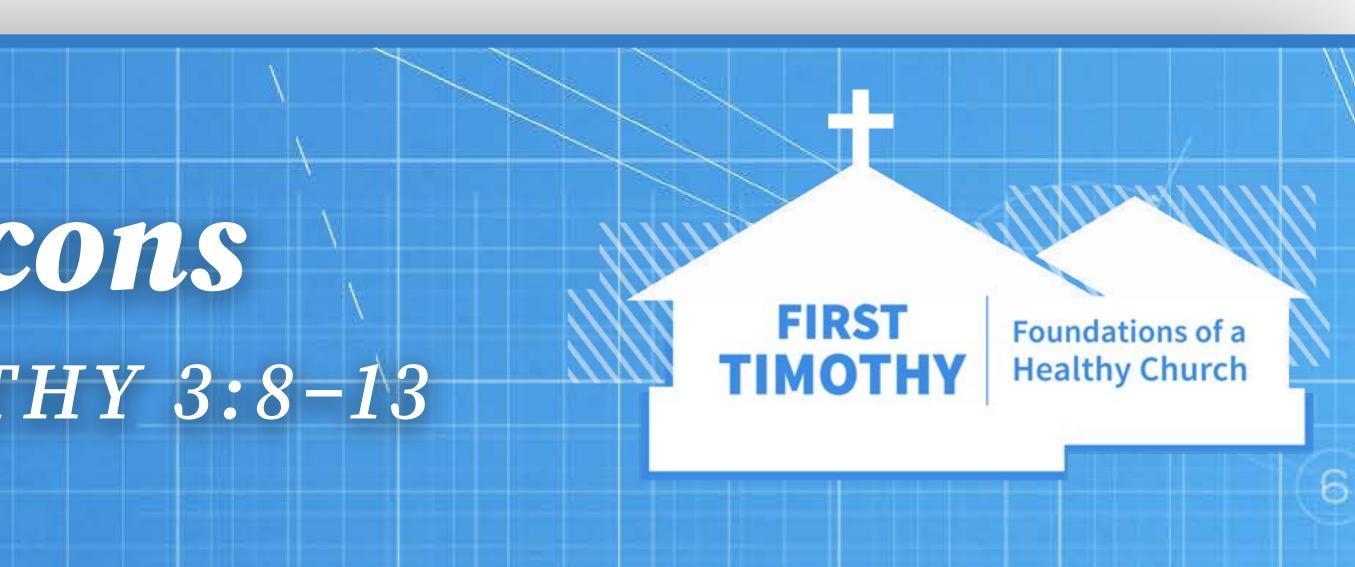
Diligent Deacons PASTOR ZAC • 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13



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addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not



They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.



And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.



sober-minded, faithful in all things.

Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but



children and their own households well.

Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their



For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing in Christ Jesus.

for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is



Who are deacons? (Acts 6:1-7)



Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.



the Word of God to serve tables.

And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching



Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of appoint to this duty.

good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will





But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word."



And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.



These they set before the apotheir hands on them.

These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid



And the Word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.



What are the qualifications for deacons? (3:8–12)



Why do deacons matter? (3:13)



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