

# ***Diligent Deacons***

*PASTOR ZAC • 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13*



**The Gospel boldly advances  
when deacons serve.**



*Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.*

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

**1 Timothy 3:9**



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

**1 Timothy 3:10**

*Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.*

**1 Timothy 3:11**



*Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.*

**1 Timothy 3:12**

*For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Timothy 3:13**



# 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.*



*And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the Word of God to serve tables.*

*Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.*



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

**Acts 6:4**

*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 apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.*

*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.*<sup>6</sup>



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

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**Why do deacons matter? (3:13)**



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