

I Timothy 3

Deacon
One who serves

We are all called to serve. We need to remember, that the elders & deacons are those who take positions of leadership, providing a good example for the rest of the church.

Acts 6

In order for the elders to focus on their responsibility of prayer and teaching, others need to help by stepping up to serve in other areas.

Acts 6:4
“But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.”

Exodus 18:17-18

“And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest [is] not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that [is] with thee: for this thing [is] too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.”

Ephesians 4:16

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Consider the Old Testament example of Priest and Levite.

“grave”

honorable, men of good character

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“not doubletongued”

saying contradicting things depending on who they is talking to.

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Alcohol alters one’s ability to properly discern. It distorts proper judgement.

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The deacon helps in collecting and distributing alms, therefore they should not be greedy for money.

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“first be proved... being found blameless”

tested and affirmed

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As with the elder, the home is the primary testing ground for the deacon.

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I Timothy 3:5

“(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)”

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Being faithful as a deacon will lead to one having strong faith and great boldness.

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