

The Year of the Bible: The Making of a Deacon
1 Timothy 3:1, 8-13

- I. The Deacon's Position: Called to Serve** *1 Tim. 3:1, 8; Acts 6:1-7*
- II. The Deacon's Person** *1 Tim. 3:8-9, 11-12*
 - A. Respect from Others (v.8)
 - B. Control of Self (v.8)
 - 1. Speech – “not double-tongued” *Matthew 5:37*
 - 2. Appetites – “not indulging in too much wine” *1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 2:3*
 - 3. Finances – “not greedy for dishonest gain” *1 Tim. 3:3, 6:5-10; 1 Peter 5:2*
 - C. Life of Faith (v. 9) -- Right belief must result in righteous behavior.
1 Timothy 3:16, 1:19; James 1:22; Matthew 7:21
 - D. Commitment to Family (vv.11-12) *1 Timothy 3:4-5*
- III. The Deacon's Preparation: Tested over Time** *1 Tim. 3:10; 5:22, 24-25; Matthew 7:15-20*
- IV. The Deacon's Promise** *1 Tim. 3:13*
 - A. “Excellent Standing” *Acts 2:4*
 - B. “Great Assurance in their Faith” *Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 3:12*