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# **PASSING THE TORCH**

A Study in First Timothy

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1 Timothy 3:8-13





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**DEACONS LIKEWISE**

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**Deacon** = “Through the **Dirt**”

In giving of yourself (through service) there's often times that you might even get run through the mud



Acts 6:1-7

Qualifications for  
the Office of Deacon:

I. **Men of Dignity**



A Deacon is to be a man  
who is **worthy** of **respect**  
A Deacon's life should be  
one that is  
worth **imitating**



The Office of Deacon should  
NOT be entered lightly. It's a  
**serious position** of service  
inside God's church



## II. NOT **Double- Tongued**

Everyone should be able to  
**depend** on what a Deacon  
says (their words should be  
**reliable & trustworthy**)





III. NOT **Addicted** to Much **Wine**

IV. NOT **Fond** of **Sordid Gain**

ALL of us can be **tempted** to **steal** or to use funds in some kind of a **selfish** way



# V. Doctrinally Sound

**“Mystery”** = that there was a Truth that was once **hidden**, but now that Truth has been **revealed** by God to us



A Deacon MUST **understand** &  
**obey** Christian Doctrines in  
such a way that nothing  
knowingly stands  
in his walk



VI. They're to be **Tested**  
A Deacon should have a  
good **track record**



## VII. **Beyond Reproach**

In a like manner to the Elders,  
Deacons should be men of  
**blameless** character  
(they should be men  
WITHOUT handles)



VIII. Should Have **Godly Homes**

(2 points combined)

1 Timothy 3:12



Deacons should **live** faithfully  
in a **committed** relationship  
to their **spouse**

Deacons should **lead**  
their homes **well**



# SO WHAT?

I Corinthians 12:12-26

