

The Dream Team

1 Timothy 3:8-16

Deacons likewise must be

men of dignity,

not double-tongued,

or addicted to much wine

or fond of sordid gain,

⁹but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

¹⁰And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

¹¹Women *must* likewise *be*

dignified,

not malicious gossips,

but temperate,

faithful in all things.

¹²Let deacons be husbands of *only* one wife,

and good managers of their children and their own households.

¹³For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves

a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and **deacons**:

- ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
- ⁴ always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,
- ⁵ in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

- **Acts 5:41** So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.
- ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.
- **6:1** Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*.
- ² And the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve (Deacon) tables.
- ³ "But select from among you, brethren, seven men

of good reputation,

full of the Spirit and of wisdom,

whom we may put in charge of this task.

⁴ "But we will devote ourselves

to prayer,

and to the ministry of the word."

- ⁵ And the statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.
- ⁶ And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.
- ⁷ And the word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.
- ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.
- ⁹ But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, *including* both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen.
- ¹⁰ And *yet* they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

Matthew 20:25 But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their* great men exercise authority over them.

- ²⁶ "It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant (*Deacon*),
- ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;
- ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Matthew 23:9 And do not call *anyone* on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

- ¹⁰ "And do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, *that is*, Christ.
- ¹¹ "But the greatest among you shall be your servant (*Deacon*).
- ¹² "And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

Romans 13:3 ...rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister (*Deacon*) of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister (*Deacon*) of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

Romans 15:8 ... Christ has become a servant (*Deacon*) to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises *given* to the fathers,

⁹ and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy

Romans 16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant (Deacon) of the church which is at Cenchrea:

- ² that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.
- **1 Corinthians 3:5** ... What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants (Deacons) through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.
- ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.
- **2 Corinthians 6:4** ... in everything commending ourselves as servants (Deacons) of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,...

Colossians 1:7 ...you learned *it (the gospel)* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant (*Deacon*) of Christ on our behalf

Colossians 1:25 Of *this church* I was made a minister (Deacon) according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the *preaching of* the word of God

1 Timothy 4:6 In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant (*Deacon*) of Christ Jesus, *constantly* nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.

All scripture is from the NASV. 1 Timothy 3:8- is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.