

**Review and Introduction...**

General observations about the qualifications for church office...

\*\*The list in *I Timothy 3*.... Is not comprehensive and note the similarities between qualifications for elder and deacon...

***I. The Qualifications for the Office of Deacon...***

***A. A Dignified life... vs. 8 see Acts 6:3***

1. Not double tongued...
2. Not given to much wine... see *I Timothy 5:23* "...the principle goes beyond the use of wine..."
3. Not greedy for money...

**Lesson:** A word to all Christians...

***B. Sound in Doctrine, vs. 9***

1. Holding the "mystery of the faith..." *I Corinthians 4:1*
2. With a clear conscience...

**Lesson:** A word to all Christians...

3. Deacons and teaching... see *I Timothy 3:2*

***C. A Proven Character... vs. 10***

1. First he must be tested...
2. Blameless...
3. Steady consistent life demonstrated over time... *I Timothy 5:22; James 3:13*