



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

I pray you read last week's article as it set up this article. We are preparing to “*select from among us*” some servants of Jesus to serve in a special capacity as a deacon. There are some needs that have come up for us in this congregation and we need faithful men to carry out these tasks.

Below, as you prayerfully think of who you see as a faithful servant that will fulfill this work of the Lord, these are the characteristics that these men need to have and are taken from I Timothy 3:8-13:

“*Dignity*” = a life that commands respect. A life lived in reverence and seriousness toward the Lord. It also applies to the wives of deacons (I Timothy 3:11) (and elders).

“*Not double-tongued*” = talk that says one thing to one person and something different to another.

“*Addicted to much wine*” = one that does not participate in the indulging of drink especially if it can lead one into drunkenness.

“*Fond of sordid gain*” = one that makes an honest living and not greedy for money One that is not dishonest in his work.

“*Holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.*” = one holding to the doctrine (the faith) and not *swayed from the truth of the faith*.

“*Husbands of one wife*” = if you note, the term “only” is supplied but not in the original text. This man must be married and faithful in his marriage.

“*Good managers of their children and their own households*” = This man must be one who seeks the good for *his children, his wife and has a great effect upon his household*.

To look at the wives of deacons (and elders too) is a must as listed in I Timothy 3:11. Some versions use the term ‘*deaconess*’ but there were no offices of such mentioned in Scripture. In the Greek the term is ‘*wives*’ in I Timothy 3:11.

“*Dignified*” – showed above

“*Not malicious gossips*” = speaking ill of others, spreading things that causes troubles for others.

“*Temperate*” = same word used for elders in I Timothy 3:2. It literally means “abstinent, especially in respect to wine.”

“*Faithful in all things*” = absolutely trustworthy and faithful in their lives.

POINT: If the wife of the man is lacking in these areas, he is not to be selected.

We need to look among us as we prepare to select some more men to serve us as deacons. Be prayerful as we will be putting out forms for these men. May God continue His grace and blessings upon our congregation. Think about it!!!

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