

I TIMOTHY: LESSON 4

I. PAUL INSTRUCTS TIMOTHY AS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF DEACONS AND GLORIFIES CHRIST (3:8-16).

- A. Qualifications for deacons (v. 8-10, 12)
 - 1. Character: grave (v. 8).
 - 2. Character: not doubled-tongued (v.8).
 - 3. Character: not given to much wine (v. 8).
 - 4. Character: not greedy of filthy lucre (v.8).
 - 5. Knowledge: holding the mystery of faith...(v. 8)
 - 6. Character: in a pure conscience (v.9).
 - 7. Domestic: husbands of one wife (v. 12)
 - 8. Domestic: ruling their children and houses well (v. 12).

- B. Results from serving well as deacons (v. 13)
 - 1. Gain good standing.
 - 2. Great boldness in the faith.

- C. Qualifications for women (v. 11)
 - 1. Character: grave.
 - 2. Character: not slanderers.
 - 3. Character: temperate
 - 4. Character: faithful in all things.

- D. Instructions given to Timothy to establish the church in Paul's absence (v. 14-15).
 - 1. Church is the house of the living God.
 - 2. Church is the pillar and ground of the truth.

- E. Facts surrounding Christ are the basis and revelation for godliness (v. 16).
 - 1. Manifested in the flesh.
 - 2. Justified in the spirit.
 - 3. Seen of angels.
 - 4. Preached among the nations.
 - 5. Believed on in the world.
 - 6. Received up in glory.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What does the word "*deacon*" mean?

- 2. Being "grave" involves:
 - (a). seriousness of purpose.
 - (b). dignity in conduct
 - (c). not being frivolous
 - (d). all the above.

3. Describe the work of deacons that especially demands one not be “*doubled-tongued*” and “*greedy of filthy lucre*”:
4. Can deacons be given to a “little” wine?
5. What TWO things must a deacon know?
6. How does one “prove” himself to be qualified as a deacon of the church?
7. What difference is there between the domestic qualifications of deacons and those of elders?
8. What TWO results occur when one serves well as a deacon of the church?
9. “*Women*” in I Timothy 3:12 are:
 - (a). women in general.
 - (b). wives of deacons.
 - (c). Women who serve the church when special needs occur.
10. These women must have what qualifications regarding their:
 - (a). speech - _____.
 - (b). mind and judgment - _____.
 - (c). actions - _____.
 - (d). demeanor and overall behavior - _____.
11. What is being said about the church when it is described as the “*house of God*”?

12. Since the church is the “*pillar and ground of the truth,*”
- (a). it determines what is truth.
 - (b). it supports the truth God has once and for all delivered.
 - (c). It proclaims, practices, and defends God’s revealed truth.
 - (d). (b) and (c).
 - (e). all the above.

13. In verse 16, what is being implied in the following:

- (a). MYSTERY of godliness -

- (b). GODLINESS -
