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## A Deacon & His Calling

*I Timothy 3:8-13*

When we look for spiritual leaders, we often look for those with talent, skill, and business success. This is not the case with God. When God calls spiritual leaders He looks for those whose heart is right. Therefore, the office of deacon is not to be entered lightly.

When the church recognizes men of godly qualities and sets them apart for spiritual leadership, great confidence is gained. There is great strength where there is great confidence! Each potential deacon should be measured against the standard found in God's Word. The standard for a deacon is laid alongside that of a pastor.

*"The church is painfully in need of leaders.*

*We wait to hear a voice  
and no voice comes."*

*--William Sangster*

The family of faith at Clements has done a wonderful job through the years of selecting men of God to serve her in the role of deacon. I don't know of any other church that has any better men. I am a blessed pastor to have men of God like I do around me.

### I. The Setting for Deacons

- 1 Timothy 3:8a (ESV) "*Deacons likewise...*"

### II. The Standard for Deacons

A deacon is to be:

1. A man of good reputation (Verse 8a)
2. A man of his word (Verse 8b)
3. A man who is a total abstainer (Verse 8c)
4. A man who is a generous giver (Verse 8d)
5. A man who can handle the Word of God (Verse 9)
6. A man who has been proven (Verse 10a)
7. A man who is blameless (Verse 10b)
8. A man who is a one-woman man (Verse 12a)
9. A man who is a godly parent (Verse 12b)
10. A man who is a spiritual leader at home (Verse 12b)