

Calvary Chapel Eagle

1 Timothy Chapter 3

(Spend time in prayer before you start this study) Read 1 Timothy chapter 3.

1. **Dig Deeper:** We are now going to look at the men's role in the church. What is the difference between a bishop and a deacon?

2. Which one seems to carry more responsibilities?

3. Verses 1-7. Let's look at the bishop. Read Acts 20:28. What is another word we would use today for bishop?

4. Explain each of the qualifications:
 - a. Blameless, above reproach:

 - b. Husband of one wife:

 - c. Temperate, self-controlled:

 - d. Sober-minded, sensible:

 - e. Good behavior, respectable:

 - f. Hospitable:

 - g. Able to teach:

 - h. Not given to wine:

 - i. Not violent:

 - j. Not greedy for money:

k. Gentle:

l. Not quarrelsome:

m. Not covetous:

n. Rules or manage his own house well:

o. Children in submission, under control:

p. Not a novice, new convert:

q. Good testimony or reputation among those who are outside:

5. Verses 5-7 give reasons why these attributes are so important, what are they?

a. Rule his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence:

b. Not a novice:

c. Good testimony among those who are outside:

6. Verses 8-13. Let's now look at the deacons. Read Acts 6:1-5. What is another word we would use today for deacon?

7. Explain each of the qualifications:

a. Reverent, worthy of respect:

b. Not double-tongued, hypocritical, sincere:

- c. Not given to much wine:
- d. Not greedy for money, dishonest gain:
- e. Holding the mystery of the faith, sound doctrine:
- f. Pure or clear conscience:
- g. First be tested:
- h. Blameless, above reproach:
- i. Husband of one wife:
- j. Ruling or managing their children and houses well:
- k. Their wives must be, reverent, worthy of respect, not slanderers, temperate, self-controlled, faithful in all things:

8. One more time ruling their “children and their own houses well” is mentioned. Why is this so important?

9. For the deacon, it also states the behavior of the wife, why is this so important?

10. Verse 11. The word “wife” can also be translated as “woman”. Can a woman be a deacon?

11. Read Romans 16:1-2. The word servant here is “*diakonos*”, the same word used for deacon in 1 Timothy 3:8. Who was Phoebe? How did Paul refer to her? What did she do for Paul?

12. Both of these lists explain an outward behavior that would represent what internal qualities in a person’s life?

13. Verses 14-16. Again, we look at the purpose of this letter to Timothy. What was that purpose?

14. Paul then reveals the mystery of godliness. Verse 16 reminds me of the “wordless book or bracelet” we used for witnessing. It was an easy and quick way to explain the gospel. What do the following phrase mean. Look at verse 16 in several translations to help.

a. God was manifested in the flesh:

b. Justified in the Spirit:

c. Seen by Angels:

d. Preached among the Gentiles:

e. Believed on in the world:

f. Received up in glory:

15. Another good way to share the gospel is the “Roman Road.” What do each of these scriptures say?

16. Romans 3:23

17. Romans 6:23

18. Romans 5:8

19. Romans 10:9-10

20. Romans 10:13