

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF DEACONS

1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

I Introduction

II The Qualifications of Deacons

1. Personal Life (v3,8)

- i. Not given to drunkenness/Not indulging in much wine (v3,8)
- ii. Not violent but gentle (v3)
- iii. Not quarrelsome (v3)
- iv. Not a lover of money (v3)
- v. Not pursuing dishonest gain (v8)
- vi. Worthy of respect (v8)
- vii. Sincere/Not double-tongued

2. Home Life (v4-5, 12)

Two important principles:

- i. The Church is a family, not a business corporation.

- ii. An effective home life is a prerequisite to effective church leadership.

3. Church Life (v6, 10)

4. Public Life (v7)

III Conclusion

1. Be careful
2. Be realistic
3. Be prayerful

IV Application

1. Why do you think the Bible would want us to consider the personal, home, church, and public life of our church leaders?
2. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that effective Christian leadership begins in the home?
3. Looking at the biblical qualifications of deacons and deaconesses, who would you prayerfully affirm as suitable candidates for FBBC? (Please feel free to let the Pastor and/or the deacons know about this in one way or another.)