

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

MEMBERS: DEDICATED DEACONS
1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13
OCTOBER 18, 2020

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

Inform the Head, Stir the Heart

1. 1 Timothy 3:8 starts with the words, "Deacons likewise." To what is the word "likewise" referring?

2. Please compare 1 Timothy 3:8-13 with Acts 6:1-3. How is the role of the deacon similar to that of the elder, and how is it different?

3. Please list the characteristics of a deacon and explain why each is specifically important for their role. How could the lack of any one characteristic in a deacon be dangerous for the church?

4. Please explain how a deacon would functionally "hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience." In other words, how can a person determine that a deacon is holding the mystery of the faith well?

5. Some leaders would say that a person shouldn't be in a position of leadership unless they "walk with a limp." How does that relate to Paul's statement that a person should not be a deacon unless he has been "tested" and in what ways do you think a deacon might be tested in order to know that he walks with a limp?

6. Why do you think it's important that the wife of a deacon has the qualities listed in vs. 11? How does the wife of a deacon either help or hurt his role in the church?

7. Looking back at the qualifications of both elders and deacons, what do you learn about the character of Jesus who is the Great Shepherd and overseer of our souls, and what do you learn about the heart of God for His people?

Challenge the Will

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord (i.e. Ensure that deacons are men who manage their own lives well; Ensure that deacons work with and manage their families well)?