



Examining Men For Service

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning

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Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3.8-13

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Introduction:

1 Tim. 3:10 requires the congregation to examine a candidates fitness for office. No one may serve as deacon until first tested & approved. The process of confirmation requires time & effort. While we are busy around here – we must not be too busy to thoroughly examine the men who wish to serve. Unfit deacons can cause problems in the church & hurt innocent people. Deacons are the key to church work and growth.

I. A man cannot _____ himself to the Diaconate.

- A. Every prospective deacon must be evaluated by others.
 - 1. His character must be examined **in light of God's** _____ .
 - a. Must be _____ as to these qualifications.
 - b. 1 Tim. 5:22 – must not be done in a hasty, _____ manner.
 - 2. _____ oversee this process.
 - 3. The _____ must actively be involved.
- B. There is biblical precedent for this.
 - 1. Acts 1:15-26 – Peter stood up with the “_____.”
 - 2. See also Acts 6.

II. A closer look at 1 Tim. 3:10.

- A. Need men that we recognize as _____ busy in God's work.
- B. Deacons are men who have _____ they to be competent servants.

III. Handling Objections/Accusations.

- A. 1 Tim. 2:1-3:16 – context deals with congregational instruction.
- B. This teaches us that everyone in congregation should _____ the qualifications AND
 - 1. These biblical instructions are _____.
- C. What about objections? Accusations?
 - 1. If questions arise on the candidate's character – **the objection must be _____ based.**
- D. *The evaluation process is not a popularity contest or an election!*
 - 1. It is a testing of character to the light of _____.
- E. **God's standards alone govern God's house – not group popularity!**

IV. Prospective Deacons may be installed if they are found _____.

- A. The standard for approving a deacon is that he is to be found *beyond reproach*.
 - 1. Means he stands _____.
- B. This does not mean that he does not have _____ or imperfections.
- C. A man of dignity? Truthful? Self controlled? Live consistently? A faithful husband?

V. This process should be bathed in _____ . Acts 6:6

- A. People must pray for _____, guidance, and unbiased judgment.
- B. We must desire _____ will be done & not our own.

ANSWERS

Unaccused	Examined
Scripture	Scripturally
Appoint	120
Prayer	Elders
God's	Standards
Insight	Know
Congregation	Blameless
Qualifications	Proved
Implemented	Faults
Already	

MY NOTES