

# sermon notes

Robin Harris, Verse By Verse Fellowship | "Deacons: An Important Role in the Church" | August 6, 2023 | **1 Timothy 3:8-13**

## Deacons: An Important role in the Church

1. A Deacon is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Deacons \_\_\_\_\_ with the care of the Church by \_\_\_\_\_ as they arise and by \_\_\_\_\_ other servants to join them in performing these tasks.
3. Deacons are \_\_\_\_\_ of the Elders.
4. There are \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications for this important and necessary Church office.
5. Deacons have \_\_\_\_\_ for serving well.

## Questions for further application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

The Greek word for deacon means servant. How was Jesus a servant and how would that relate to deacons being servants.

Read Philippians 1:1, Acts 6:1-6, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Hebrews 13:17, Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:1-5. Why is it necessary that we have deacons and that we have other servants helping deacons?

Why does having women deacons not violate the command for women not to exercise authority over a man? Read 1 Timothy 2:8-15 and listen to Pastor Tony's message on these verses, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35, Titus 2:3-5, Romans 16:1-2, 12, Colossians 4:15, Acts 16:40, Philippians 4:2-3.

### GET PERSONAL

As a believer, you are a little "d" deacon at a minimum in this Church. Where do you fit in the body as a servant of the Lord? Read the following scriptures to help you focus your view. Read Ephesians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 12:1-26.

Read the qualifications for elders and deacons shown in 1 Timothy 3:1-13. These qualifications are not unique to just elders and deacons. Shouldn't all Christians be striving for these same character traits? What areas have you been working on and what areas have you not considered?

### PUT INTO PRACTICE

Find out who the VBVF deacons are and what they are doing in their leadership position. Based on what they are doing and the qualifications that they have, how can you regularly pray for them? How can you encourage them on a periodic basis?

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between an elder, an overseer, a deacon, a pastor, and a bishop? Why are there only two offices in the church today? Watch the following video to help you answer this question:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/11000pvs8ta9> . Also read the following article to help you sort through these terms:

<https://www.9marks.org/article/hierarchy-church/>