

**INTRO TO THE DEACON
STUDY GUIDE #3**
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LIFE ACCEPTED BY GOD AND MAN

1 Timothy 3:10

- THE DEACON'S CALLING AND ELECTION IS NOT VALIDATED BY HIS POPULARITY
 - THE PROOF OF HIS CALLING IS FOUND IN THE QUALIFICATIONS (**LIFESTYLE**)
 - HE MUST BE TESTED (*1 Timothy 3:10; Matthew 7:15-21*)

ACCEPTED BY GOD

KNOW THE VALUE OF GOD'S EXAMINATION AND JUDGMENT

- DO NOT AVOID THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (*Psalm 139:23-24; John 3:19-21*)
- THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS YOU TO WALK IN THE WAYS THAT PLEASE GOD (*Ephesians 5:8-10*)
 - THIS IS SACRIFICIAL WORSHIP (**LIFESTYLE**) (*Romans 12:1-2*)

ACCEPTED BY THE CHURCH

KNOW THE BIBLICAL STANDARD OF THE CHURCH

- THE CHURCH HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO EXAMINE THE DEACON BEFORE HIS SELECTION AND ORDINATION (*1 John 4:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:15, Galatians 5:19-23*)

ARE YOU:

- AN EXAMPLE OF GODLY CHARACTER
- REGULARLY ATTENDING SERVICES
- A TITHER
- FAITHFUL IN MINISTRY
- SOUND IN FAITH AND DOCTRINE

GODLY CONFIDENCE

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE

- THE HEART OF A PRIDEFUL SERVANT (*Luke 18:9-14*)

- THE HEART OF A CONFIDENT SERVANT
 - JESUS (*Matthew 7:28-29; Mark 10:45*)
 - PETER AND JOHN (*Acts 4:5-13, 23-31*)
 - STEPHEN (*Acts 6:8-10*)
 - THE DEACON (*1 Timothy 3:13*)

MINISTRY AS PARTNERS

KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PASTOR/DEACON RELATIONSHIP

- THERE IS A GODLY PARTNERSHIP THAT MUST BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE PASTOR AND DEACON.
 - THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE KINGDOM BODY, AND THE FLOW OF THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS
- BOTH THE PASTOR AND DEACON ARE CALLED TO SERVE BY LEADING AND EQUIPPING GOD'S PEOPLE.
 - THIS MUST BE DONE STRICTLY BY THE WORD OF GOD
 - THE PASTOR IS TO OVERSEE/SHEPHERD THE PEOPLE ALONGSIDE THE DEACON
 - THE DEACON IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE ALONGSIDE THE PASTOR