

**INTRO TO THE DEACON**  
**STUDY GUIDE #2**  
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**THE MODEL LIFE**

THE MODEL SERVANT UNDERSTANDS THAT THEIR LIFE IS ON DISPLAY.

- **LIFE ON DISPLAY:** THE MODEL SERVANT PURSUES A LIFE THAT DISPLAYS CHRIST TO EVERY PERSON, IN EVERY FACET OF THEIR LIVES. (*Matthew 5:13-16, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23*)

THE DEACON HAS SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR THEIR “LIVES ON DISPLAY”. (*Acts 6:3, 1 Timothy 3:8-13*)

**FOUR AREAS OF QUALIFICATION**  
(*Life on Display*)

**1. THE DEACON’S MARRIAGE**

- THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE (*1 Timothy 3:12*)
  - PROTECT
    - PROVIDE
      - GUIDE
- IS TO RESEMBLE CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH (*Ephesians 5:22-33*)
  - PROTECT
    - PROVIDE
      - GUIDE
      - FOLLOW
    - REVERENCE
  - SUBMIT

**2. THE DEACON’S WIFE (*1 Timothy 3:11*)**

- **REVERENT;** DEVOUT; WORTHY OF RESPECT
  - SERVING GOD COMES NATURAL
    - FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN
- **NOT SLANDERERS;** MALICIOUS; GOSSIPS; DOUBLE TONGUED
  - BUILDING PEOPLE COMES NATURAL
    - TRUST IS ESTABLISHED WITH GOD AND MAN
- **TEMPERATE;** SELF CONTROLLED; SOBER THINKING
  - WISDOM COMES NATURALLY
    - LEADERSHIP IS ESTABLISHED WITH GOD AND MAN
- **FAITHFUL;** COMMITTED; DILIGENT; LOYALTY; DEDICATED
  - BEING RELIABLE COMES NATURALLY

- MINISTRY IS ESTABLISHED WITH GOD AND MAN

### 3. THE DEACON'S PARENTING (*Ephesians 6:1-4, Proverbs 22:6*)

- **IN THE LORD:**
  - CHILDREN ARE TO OBEY THEIR PARENTS AS UNTO GOD
  - PARENTS ARE TO LIVE A LIFE WHERE THEIR CHILDREN CAN SEE GOD.
    - THIS IS THE WAY THE DEACON, "*rules/manage their homes well*"
- **DO NOT PROVOKE TO WRATH:**
  - PUSH TO SINFUL ANGER
    - DUE TO ABUSE
- **FEAR AND ADMONITION OF GOD (*Deuteronomy 6:6-12*):**
  - TRAINING, CHASTENING, DISCIPLESHIP
    - THE PARENT'S LOVE IS TO RESEMBLE THE LOVE OF GOD
      - *Hebrews 12:5-11*

### 4. THE DEACON'S FAMILY LIFE

- THE DEACON MUST VIEW THE FUNCTIONING OF HIS FAMILY THE WAY PAUL DESCRIBES THE BODY OF CHRIST (*1 Corinthians 12:26-27*)
  - LEADING HIS FAMILY IN GODLY MATURITY, INDIVIDUALITY, AND TOGETHERNESS

## PERSONAL AND PUBLIC MORALITY

### 1. RESPECTED CONDUCT

- THE DEACON IS EXPECTED TO BE ONE WHO IS DIGNIFIED AND SERIOUS ABOUT THE WORD AND WORK OF GOD (*Titus 2:7-8, 1 Peter 2:11-12*)
  - THIS IS ONE WHO IS WORTHY OF RESPECT
- THE DEACON MUST TRAIN HIMSELF IN THE WAYS OF GODLINESS (*1 Timothy 4:7-8*)
  - THIS IS ONE WHOSE LIFE ON DISPLAY GLORIFIES GOD (*Matthew 5:14-16; 6:1-2, 5, 16; John 3:19-21*)

### 2. A CONTROLLED TONGUE

- THE DEACON MUST NOT BE ONE WHO SHOWS DOUBLENESS IN THOUGHT, SPEECH, OR ACTIONS (*1 Timothy 3:8, James 3*)
  - BE ONE WHOSE SPEECH BRINGS CLARITY AND NOT CONFUSION (*2 Timothy 2:14-16*)

### 3. A SPIRIT CONTROLLED BODY

- THE DEACON MUST AVOID BEING CONTROLLED BY ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE SPIRIT OF GOD (*specifically wine Proverbs 20:1; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Timothy 3:8, 5:23*)
  - REMEMBER THE TEMPLE OF GOD (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*)

#### 4. RIGHT PRIORITIES

- THE DEACON'S CONCERN FOR MONEY SHOULD NEVER TAKE PRIORITY OVER HIS CONCERN FOR GOD'S KINGDOM (*Matthew 6:24-34; 1 Timothy 3:3, 6:10; Philippians 4:11-13*)
  - THIS PREVENTS THE DESIRE FOR DISHONEST GAIN OR DISHONORABLE ADVANTAGES (*filthy lucre*)
  - IT PROMOTES THE MINISTRY OF GIVING (*Acts 4:32-37, 1 John 3:17-18*)