

Christian Conduct in and outside of God's House
Some of the Biblical Requirements for serving in God's House!

1 Timothy 3:8-15

- In like manner the deacons (Servants) [*must be*] worthy of respect, not shifty and double-talkers but sincere in what they say, not given to much wine, not greedy for base gain [*craving wealth and resorting to ignoble and dishonest methods of getting it*].
- They must possess the mystic secret of the faith [*Christian truth as hidden from ungodly men*] with a clear conscience.
- And let them also be tried and investigated and proved first; then, if they turn out to be above reproach, let them serve [*as deacons*].
- [*The*] women likewise must be worthy of respect and serious, not gossipers, but temperate and self-controlled, [*thoroughly*] trustworthy in all things.
- Let deacons be the husbands of but one wife, and let them manage [*their*] children and their own households well.
- For those who perform well as deacons acquire a good standing for themselves and also gain much confidence and freedom and boldness in the faith which is [*founded on and centers*] in Christ Jesus.
- Although I hope to come to you before long, I am writing these instructions to you so that,
- If I am detained, you may know how people ought to conduct themselves in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and stay (the prop and support) of the Truth.

1 Timothy 4:1,2,6,7,11,13,15,16

- BUT THE [*Holy*] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,
- Through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized),
- If you lay all these instructions before the brethren, you will be a worthy steward and a good minister of Christ Jesus, ever nourishing your own self on the truths of the faith and of the good [*Christian*] instruction which you have closely followed.
- But refuse and avoid irreverent legends (profane and impure and godless fictions, mere grandmothers' tales) and silly myths, and express your disapproval of them.
Train yourself toward godliness (piety), [*keeping yourself spiritually fit*].
- Continue to command these things and to teach them.
- Till I come, devote yourself to [*public and private*] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching and instilling doctrine.
- Practice and cultivate and meditate upon these duties; throw yourself wholly into them [*as your ministry*], so that your progress may be evident to everybody.
- Look well to yourself [*to your own personality*] and to [*your*] teaching; persevere in these things [*hold to them*], for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Also note: Instructions on this in 1 Timothy: 5 & 6

1 Thessalonians 5:12

Now also we beseech you, brethren, get to **know** (be aware of , perceive, understand, to gaze with eyes wide open, inspection, discern, experience,) those who labor among you [*recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all*]-your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you.

