

**Study Questions for the November 8, 2020 Sermon:
“Deacons - Who Should Be a Lead Servant?”
1 Timothy 3:8-13, Romans 16:1-2**

1. Are there any differences in the qualifications of Elders and Deacons?
2. Are there any differences in the responsibilities of Elders and Deacons?
3. 1 Timothy 3:8 states that Deacons must not be “double tongued”.
 - a. What does “double tongued” mean?
 - b. Why are we tempted to be “double tongued” and how do we avoid doing it?
4. The prohibitions against alcohol in 1 Timothy 3:3 and 3:8 do not seem to be absolute. If this interpretation is correct, then how much alcohol may church leaders consume and still meet their offices’ qualifications?
5. Regarding 1 Timothy 3:9,
 - a. What is the “mystery of the faith”?
 - b. How do Deacons go about holding “the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience”?
6. Verses 8 and 11 mention “dignity”. Think of someone you consider dignified. What sets her/him apart?