

Leading The Church Forward

Study Questions for Week Five

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. What are some of the Biblical reasons for and against women deacons?
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?