

**The Qualities of a New Testament Leader - Part I**

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**Four passages of scripture will present the framework of our discussion on the requirements of elders and deacons:**

**1 Timothy 3:2-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13, Titus 1:6-9, 1 Peter 5:1-3**

**CHALLENGE:** If you have never considered serving as a deacon or an elder in God's church, how will studying this material benefit you personally? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions we should ask as we consider nominating or supporting someone for the office of elder or deacon:**

**1. Does this man have a true \_\_\_\_\_ of faith?**

**1 Timothy 3:9** – *They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.*

What is the 'mystery of the faith'?

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His faithfulness to the mystery of the gospel is marked by a faithfulness to God's \_\_\_\_\_

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An important byproduct of this faith is that he \_\_\_\_\_ what is good

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To serve as a leader, a man must not be a \_\_\_\_\_ convert, having been \_\_\_\_\_.

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**2. Does this man handle his first ministry, his \_\_\_\_\_, with care?**

'The husband of one wife' means that he is a one-woman man. In what ways is faithfulness to the covenant of marriage relevant to a man's ministry to God's church?

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\*Is marriage a requirement to serve as an elder or deacon?

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What are the various aspects of managing one's household well?

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Does Titus 1:6 disqualify a person whose children aren't believers?

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