

July 28, 2019

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Prayer

Sermon Review:

- Role (Acts 6:1-6)
- Requirements
- Run-In (Women in Ministry, Divorced/ Widowed)
- Reward

Questions:

1. What are the qualifications of a deacon and how are they different than an overseer?
2. Overseers and deacons must be "the husband of one wife" or better translated "a man of one woman" This qualification may mean:
 - A. Leaders must be married
 - B. They must marry only once, prohibiting remarriage after a spouse's death or divorce;
 - C. They must not marry multiple women, prohibiting polygamy; or
 - D. They must remain faithful to their wives.

Which of these is the best interpretation of 1 Timothy 3?

3. Paul stresses that overseers and deacons must manage their households well. What does this look like? Why is it important for leaders of God's church?
4. In what ways do all the members of a church "minister" and "serve"? Can this be made more efficient through the guidance of members who lead other members?
5. What is the biblical argument against women serving as deacons? What is the biblical argument in favor? Which do you find most compelling and why? What part does tradition play in your opinion?