

I Timothy
Chapter 3
Student

Contents: Qualifications of elders and deacons.

Characters: **GOD**, **CHRIST**, Satan.

Conclusion: Those having places of authority in the church must be blameless, not living under any scandal, watchful against Satan, moderate in all their actions, proving their ability to care for **GOD's** people by keeping a **GODly** and well-governed household, holding the truths of the faith in a pure conscience.

Key Word: Elders, deacons, 2, 8.

Strong Verses: 5, 16.

Striking Facts: 16. The mystery of **GOD**liness is **CHRIST**. **HE** was **GOD** manifest in the flesh (John 1:14). **CHRIST** was called a sinner. **HE** was raised by the Spirit and justified. **HE** was attended by and worshipped by angels. **HE** is offered to the Gentiles as **SAVIOR** and **REDEEMER**. **HE** is believed on by millions. **HE** is exalted in glory.

Questions:

1. What are the characteristics of a bishop?
2. What are the characteristics of a deacon?
3. Why did Paul give these instructions?

Discussion Question: Was **JESUS** qualified to be a deacon or elder? Why/Why not?

Would any of the presidents of this country qualify to be a deacon or elder? Should they be? Why/Why not?