

# Church Helpers

## *1 Timothy 3.8-13*

### 1. 'Deacons' – who are they?

- **'deacon'** – **someone who serves**  
**John 2.5,9**  
**- a role dignified by Jesus**  
**Luke 22.27; John 13.13-17**
- **job description** – **any form of help!**

### 2. The Qualities expected, vs8-10,12

- **personal life:** - **taken seriously v8**  
**- no double talk**  
**James 3.9-10**  
**- no boozers**  
**1 Cor 6.12; 2 Tim 1.7**  
**- honest with money**  
**Luke 3.12-14**  
**1 Tim 6.5-11,17-19**

- **family life:** - a one woman man v12  
- a good domestic manager
- **spiritual life:** - a person of faith v9  
- tested and proven fit v10  
**Mat 25.21,23**

### 3. What about the Women? v11

- **female helpers Rom 16.1**  
**personal qualities - not frivolous,**  
**discrete, reliable, no slander**  
**Eph 4.29-32**
- **women leaders? - not precluded**  
**but limits to teaching role**  
**and authority 2.12-14**

### 4. Rewards for Good Service, v13

- **a worthwhile step forward**
- **greater confidence in faith**  
**growth depends on serving well**