

The image features two hands, one on the left and one on the right, holding a dark, textured sign. The hands are rendered in a dark, almost black, monochromatic style with visible skin texture. The sign is a dark, textured rectangle with a white dotted border. The text on the sign is centered and reads "Deacons" in a large, bold, orange serif font, and "Their Qualifications" in a smaller, white serif font below it.

Deacons

Their Qualifications



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What Are Deacons?

- “Deacon” (Diakonos): “primarily denotes a servant, one who executes the commands of another, a servant, attendant, minister” (Thayer)
- Origin: “raising dust by hastening”
- Used Commonly Of Any Servant
- Also Used Technically To Identify Special Servants
- Integral Part Of The Structure/Organization Of The Lord’s Church - **Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:8-13**



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Things To Consider

Acts 6:1-6

- There Is A Need! Always!
- Are There Men Who Meet The Qualifications In **1 Timothy 3:8-13**?
- Have These Men Been Showing Themselves To Be Servants?
- Are These Men Willing To Take Upon The Responsibilities That Go Along With Being A Deacon?



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Each Qualification
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“Semnos”

“August,
venerable, honest;
to be respected for
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“Me Dilogos”

“Not, by no means”

“Double in speech, saying one thing with one person another with another (with the intent to deceive)”



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“Prosechoo”

“To hold the mind, to give attention to, to attach one’s self to, to be given or addicted to . . .”



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“Not Addicted To Much Wine”

The Bible Warns About Strong Drink

Proverbs 23:31; 20:1

What About Timothy?

1 Timothy 5:23

Can A Deacon Be Addicted To A Little Wine?

1 Corinthians 6:12; Ecclesiastes 7:17;

1 Peter 4:4; Romans 6:12



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“Aischrokerdes”

“Eager for base gain, greedy for money”

1 Timothy 3:3

1 Timothy 6:9-17



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“Echo”

“To have (hold) possession of the mind, to hold fast, keep.”



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“Dokimazo”

“To test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), to approve, deem worthy.”



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“Anegkletos”

“That which cannot be called into to account, above reproach, un-accused.”

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“Aner Mia Gune”

Basically a “one woman man.”



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The Stance Of The Eldership At Custer Road

- A Deacon Must Be Scripturally Married With At Least One Child
- A Widower Is No Longer Married (Romans 7:1-3) And Therefore He Is The Same As A Single Man Or One Who Is Divorced
- A Man Who Has Scripturally Remarried (Widowed Or Divorced) Has Been The Husband Of More Than One Wife Even Though He Is Currently Married To Only One



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“The Husband Of One Wife”

The Stance Of The Eldership At Custer Road

- This Eldership Chooses To Only Appoint Those Currently Married To Their One And Only Wife
 - There Is 100% Certainty Of This Position Meeting This Qualification
 - This Eliminates Questionable, Controversial, Or Conscience Violating Principles (eg. “Blameless”)
 - We Do Not Believe Ourselves To Be Out Of Fellowship With Congregations Allowing Remarried Men To Serve



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“Proistemi”

“To set or place
before, to set over,
to be over, to
superintend, preside
over.”

Ephesians 5:22-33

Ephesians 6:4

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“Bathmos”

“Denotes a step, primarily of a threshold or stair; figuratively, a standing, a stage in a career, position, degree”

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