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Deacon's Wives



**Their
Wives**

1 Timothy 3:11

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- When God Calls Men To Serve As Deacons, He Also Calls Their Wives To Accompany And Support Him
- **Genesis 2:15-24; Ecclesiastes 4:9**
- Her Skills Are Not The Same As His, But She Will Be Part Of What He Needs To Fulfill The Commission God Has Given



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“Semnos”

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To be venerated for her character.”

Proverbs 31:25

Strength and honor (“*dignity*”, *ESV*) are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come.



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1 Peter 3:3-4

Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.



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1 Timothy 2:10

...which is proper for women professing
godliness, with good works



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“Diabolos”

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James 1:26

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.



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Proverbs 16:27-28

An ungodly man digs up evil, and it is on his lips like a burning fire. A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends.



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She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.



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“Nephaleos”

“Temperate, sober, clear-headed, solemn, serious, calm, restrained.”

Titus 2:3-4

the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things - that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.



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“Pistos”

“Trustworthy, reliable, dependable”

She Is A Faithful Christian

She Is Serious About Spiritual Matters (Reverent)

She Controls Her Tongue (Not A Slanderer)

She Is Level Headed (Sober Minded)



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Romans 16:1

I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea

Was Phoebe A “Deaconess”?

- Common meaning of “diakonos” is servant
- No mention of deaconesses as a group as in **Philippians 1:1**
- Would feminine form of “elder” authorize “elderesses?”
- **1 Timothy 5:1-2** - Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women (Gk. Presbuteros) as mothers, younger as sisters, with all purity.



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Romans 16:2

that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

Philippians 4:3

...help these women who labored with me in the gospel

Acts 12:12

...he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.



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Romans 16:3-5

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house...




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Acts 9:36-39

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did...all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

A close-up photograph of two hands, one on the left and one on the right, holding a dark, textured sign. The hands are positioned as if presenting the sign. The sign has a white dotted border and contains the text "Are You Praying For The Wives Of Our Deacons?" in a white, serif font. The background is dark, making the hands and the sign stand out.

**Are You Praying
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