

Standards for Servants

Solid Personal Character 3:8

1. *must be* men of dignity
2. not double-tongued
3. or addicted to much wine
4. or fond of sordid gain

Spiritual Maturity in Doctrine and Life 3:9

5. ⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

Consistent Christian Service 3:10

6. beyond reproach ¹⁰ These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.
 - ✓ They must demonstrate spiritual maturity [before](#) being placed in a position of authority.
 - ✓ These men must first demonstrate their quality over time in the [ordinary](#) activities of life and ministry of the church.

Wife Characterized by Dignity and Discretion 3:11

7. ¹¹ Their wives *must* likewise be
 - ✓ *be* dignified
 - ✓ not gossips
 - ✓ exercise [discretion](#)
 - ✓ faithful (trustworthy) in all things

Loyal Loving Husband 3:12a

8. ¹² Deacons must be husbands of one wife

Good Home life (3:12b)

9. *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households

Serving is Very Rewarding (3:13)

- ✓ In the church, God's people respect and admire those who serve with Christ-like humility.
- ✓ In the deacon, the genuineness of his faith is reinforced by his service.

Summary of qualifications for servants:

- They don't have to be [perfect](#).
- They do have to be [authentic](#), consistent and intentional.
- This principle is true for all who aspire to be (who set their hearts on being) pillars and supports of God's truth in this world.

Message

When you serve at church, you represent Jesus.

So What? Now What? Action Points:

- [Prepare](#) yourself to be a spiritual servant in your church.
- Pray about where you can plug in and serve.