

Elder and Deacon Ordination

Elders

Acts 14:23 NIV

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Where can I find biblical qualifications of an Elder? **1 Timothy 3:1-7**

This is a trustworthy saying: “If someone aspires to be an elder, he desires an honorable position.” So an elder must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God’s church? An elder must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall.

What other words are used in Bible translations meaning Elder? **Overseer, Pastor, Shepherd, Bishop**

What are the duties required of an elder? **To be overseers and caretakers of the church of God.**

Acts 20:28 NLT

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Photo of Wayne..... Signal for Wayne & Linda to come forward.

Pastor: Have you, members of this community of Christian believers, seeking the guidance of divine wisdom, chosen the brethren who now stand before you to be elders in our congregation and oversee the spiritual welfare of our church?

CONGREGATION: We have.

Pastor: Do you wish them to be set apart to shepherd this flock, as elders tended the flock of God in the early church?

CONGREGATION: We do.

Pastor: Will you promise to encourage and honor them in all things consistent with the Word of God, and zealously aid them in the discharge of their responsibilities?

CONGREGATION: We will.

Deacons

Acts 6:1 NIV

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

Acts 6:2-5 NIV

"It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group.

Verses 6-7

and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Where can I find biblical qualifications of a Deacon? **1 Timothy 3:8-13**

Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.

What are the duties of a deacon? **As assigned by the Elders.**

Photographs of Deacon Candidates.....Signal to come to the stage.

Deacon duties might include: **Facilities, Benevolence, Finances, Ushers, Logistics**

Pastor: Have you, members of this community of Christian believers, seeking the guidance of divine wisdom, chosen these servants of the Lord who now stand before you to be servants in our congregation and to serve under the authority and leadership of the Elders of Christ's Church of Marion County?

CONGREGATION: We have.

Pastor: Do you wish them to be set apart as servants of this flock, as Deacons served the flock of God in the early church?

CONGREGATION: We do.

Pastor: Will you promise to encourage them and zealously aid them in the discharge of their responsibilities?

CONGREGATION: We will.