**I Timothy Chapter 2, Part 9**

**Salutation (1:1-2)**

**I. The Personal Charge (1:3-20)**

**II. The Public Charge (2:1-6:10)**

 A. The Organization of the Church (2:1-3:16)

 1. The Place of Prayer in the Church (2:1-8)

 2. The Place of Women in the Church (2:9-15)

 3. The Place of Bishops in the Church (3:1-7)

 **4. The Place of Deacons in the Church (3:8-13)**

 5. The Place of Christ in the Church (3:14-16)

**II. The Public Charge (2:1-6:10)**

**A. The Organization of the Church (2:1-3:16)**

**The Place of Deacons in the Church (3:1-7)**

\*Women in church: modest and silent; pastors qualified.

\*True sayings > I Tim. 1:15; 4:9; II Tim. 2:9; Tit. 3:8

\*Bishoprick = apostles, prophets, evangelists > missionaries/church planters (same qualifications)

**PREMISE: Deacon and wives have qualifications since they will minister to widows.**

**I. Their Calling** > Deacon > Acts 6 > I Tim. 5:3-16 > Deacons serve Widows (who else would?)

A. The Meaning of Deacon > *diakonos* (31x) > “through the dust”

B. The Ministry of Deacon

 1. Office of a deacon (*diakoneitosan* [imperative passive plural verb])

 2. Beginning: Acts 6:2-6 > served widows!

 a. How many > seven for 20,000 members of church

 b. Traits > Honest report, full of Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:3)

**II. Their Character**

 A. Grave (*semnos* [4x])

 B. Not Double-tongued (*dilogos* [1x])

 C. Blameless (*anegkletos* > can’t be called into account [Tit. 1:6-7])

 D. Great Boldness (*parrhesia* [31x])

 E. Proved (*dokimazo* [23x])

**III. Their Conduct**

 A. Domestic Conduct

 1. One Wife

 a. Submissive (*proistemi* > under rule)

 b. Grave (*semnos* [4x])

 c. Not Slanderers (*diabolos* [38])

 d. Sober (*nephaleos* [3x])

 e. Faithful (*pistos* [67x])

 2. Two or more Children in submission (*proistemi* > under rule)

 B. Moral Conduct

 1. Not a drunkard (*oino pollo* much wine > Eph. 5:15 [excess])

 2. Not Greedy (also I Tim. 3:3; Tit. 1:7)

 C. Ministry Conduct

 1. *“Holding the mystery of the faith”* (Pauline mysteries)

 2. Purchase well a *“degree”* (*bathmos* [1x])

**CONCLUSION: Deacons are needed when church has *“widows indeed.”***