

The Portrait of a Deacon

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "The Portrait of a Deacon." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week beginning Monday, November 2, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:8

Questions for Reflection

- What qualities does Paul say deacons must possess in this verse?
- What behaviors or attitudes are deacons commanded to avoid?
- Why is personal integrity essential for someone who serves God's people?
- How can you demonstrate greater consistency between your words and actions this week?

Questions for Children

- What church servant is described in this verse?
- Name one thing Paul says a deacon should not do.

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me be a person of integrity whose words can be trusted. Give me a

servant's heart that seeks to honor You in both public and private life.

Tuesday

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:9

Questions for Reflection

- What are deacons required to hold firmly?
- How are they to hold the mystery of the faith?
- Why is it important for Christian servants to have both sound doctrine and a clear conscience?
- What steps can you take this week to strengthen your grasp of God's truth?

Questions for Children

- What are deacons supposed to hold onto?
- What kind of conscience should a deacon have?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for revealing the truth of the gospel. Help me hold firmly to Your Word and live in a way that reflects a clear conscience before You.

Wednesday

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:10

Questions for Reflection

- What does Paul say should happen before someone serves as a deacon?

- What must be true about a man before he begins serving?
- Why do you think proven faithfulness is more important than natural ability in Christian service?
- In what area of life is God currently testing and developing your faithfulness?

Questions for Children

- What should happen before a person becomes a deacon?
- What kind of person is allowed to serve after being tested?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me to be faithful in the responsibilities You have already given me. Develop a godly character that is ready and willing to serve others.

Thursday

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:11-12

Questions for Reflection

- What qualities are expected in the lives of those closest to a deacon?
- What responsibilities must a deacon manage well according to these verses?
- What do these verses teach about the importance of a godly home life?
- How can you better honor Christ in your family relationships and responsibilities?

Questions for Children

- What does Paul say a deacon should manage well?
- Should a deacon be a good father?

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, help me honor You in my home and closest relationships. May my faith be evident not only at church but also in the everyday routines of life.

Friday

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:13

Questions for Reflection

- What is promised to those who serve well as deacons?
- What kind of confidence do faithful servants gain in Christ Jesus?
- Why do you think God places such value on humble, faithful service?
- What opportunities has God given you to serve others with Christlike humility this week?

Questions for Children

- Who is this verse talking about serving well?
- What do faithful servants gain?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for the privilege of serving others in Christ's name. Help me serve faithfully and joyfully, trusting that You see and value every act done for Your glory.