

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's
The New Testament Deacon
Chapters 10-11

Read Chapter 10: Qualifications for Wives

Q: 1 Timothy 3:11 is open to three different interpretations:

1. It could refer to deaconesses.
2. It could refer to women who assist deacons.
3. It could refer to the wives of deacons.

Which interpretation do you hold to? Defend your answer.

A: _____

Q: The position of this church is that Paul is referring to the wives of deacons. Define the following biblical requirements for a deacon's wife (1 Timothy 3:11).

- DIGNIFIED
- NOT MALICIOUS GOSSIP
- TEMPERATE
- FAITHFUL IN ALL THINGS

Explain the practical application of each qualification.

Read Chapter 11: Family Requirements for Deacons

Define the following biblical requirements for a deacon (1 Timothy 3:12).

- HUSBAND OF ONLY ONE WIFE
- GOOD MANAGERS OF THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLDS

Explain the practical application of each qualification.

