

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's
Paul's Vision for the Deacons
Chapters 5-6

Read Chapter 5: The Deacons' Qualifications

Q: Why are there necessary qualifications for the office of deacon? What are the dangers of having unqualified men in leadership?

A: _____

Please define the following biblical requirements for a deacon (1 Timothy 3:8-9). Explain the practical application of each qualification and why it matters.

- Dignified
- Not double-tongued
- Not addicted to much wine
- Not greedy for dishonest gain
- Holding fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience

Read Chapter 6: Examination

Q: The Scriptures teach that deacons should be tested before they serve (1 Timothy 3:10), but it does not provide instruction about *how* to do this. Here we must apply wisdom. What procedures could we follow to make sure that this testing is done effectively?

A: _____

Q: Why is it important to publicly install a man into the office of deacon through the laying on of hands (1 Timothy 5:22)?

A: _____
