

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's
Paul's Vision for the Deacons
Chapters 7-8

Read Chapter 7: Wives and the Appendix

Q: 1 Timothy 3:11 is open to five different interpretations: 1) It could refer to all Christian women in general. 2) It could refer to women deacons. 3) It could refer to deaconesses. 4) It could refer to women helpers or assistants to the deacons. 5) It could refer to the wives of deacons. What are the strengths and weaknesses of each view? Take the arguments presented in the appendix into account. Which interpretation do you hold to? Defend your answer.

A: _____

Q: Strauch holds to the 5th view. Why would it be important that deacon's wives meet certain qualification?

A: _____

Please define the following biblical requirements for a deacon's wife (1 Timothy 3:11). Explain the practical application of each qualification and why it matters.

- Dignified
- Not a slanderer
- Sober minded
- Faithful in all things

Read Chapter 8: Marriage, Children, and Household

Please define the following biblical requirements for a deacon (1 Timothy 3:12). Explain the practical application of each qualification and why it matters.

- The husband of one wife
- Managing their children and their own households

