

The High Call of Humble Service

1st Timothy 3:8-13

I. THE DEACON'S CHARACTER (v. 8).

A. His Temperament—*reverent*

B. His Tongue—*not double-tongued*

C. His Temptations—*not given to much wine –not greedy for money*

II. THE DEACON'S CONVICTIONS (v. 9).

A. Believe the Bible—*holding the mystery of the faith*

B. Behave the Bible—*with a pure conscience*

III. THE DEACON'S CONSISTENCY (v. 10).

A. First Tested—*first be tested*

B. Then Enlisted—*then let them serve*

IV. THE DEACON'S COMPANION (v. 11).

A. Reverent

B. Reserved—*not slanderers, temperate*

C. Reliable—*faithful in all things*

V. THE DEACON'S CONTROL (v. 12).

A. Leads His Life Well—*one wife*

B. Leads His Loved Ones Well—*ruling their children and their own houses well*