



## LISTENING GUIDE

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### **Deacons in the Church**

*1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-7*

As we continue our current sermon series, ***Fight Club***, our passage in 1 Timothy 3 finds Paul extending his teaching concerning qualified leaders in the church. In addition to godly pastors, the church also needs godly deacons. Let's examine this passage as well as one in Acts 6 to learn how deacons are critical in the good fight of the faith.

Notice...

#### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-12)**

- The word “*deacon*” (Gk., *diakonos*) literally means “*servant*”
- Scripture is more concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_ of deacons' lives than the \_\_\_\_\_ of their leadership.

#### **II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Deacons (Acts 6:1-7)**

- Notice three responsibilities of deacons:
  1. Deacons \_\_\_\_\_ needs according to the Word
  2. Deacons \_\_\_\_\_ the ministry of the Word
  3. Deacons \_\_\_\_\_ the body around the Word

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Deacons (1 Tim. 3:13)

- Deacons who serve well experience a two-fold return, or reward:
  1. Good \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Great \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith