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WM - BEN WRIGHT - THE QUALIFICATIONS OF DEACONS (PT 1)

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WUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6TH AVE.

WOSPEL MEETING AT PARRISH, SEP 9-12

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

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SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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QUALIFICATIONS OF DEACONS

(1 Timothy 3:8-12)

- _____.
- A. This word is defined as “venerable, honest, worthy of respect or honor, noble, dignified, _____, pertaining to appropriate, befitting _____.”
 - B. We would best think of it in terms of carrying oneself in a way that causes others to _____ you.
 - C. A man must show that he knows when things are to be _____ serious and important.
 - 1. The people with whom he deals have to know that he is _____ and that their problems will not be treated lightly.
 - 2. Simply put, a man of this quality will not be _____ with his faith or the responsibilities given him by the elders.

I. Not _____.

- A. Literally this word means “not telling a different _____.”
- B. We would probably use the phrase “not _____ - _____.”
- C. One who is being considered to be a deacon is to be a man of his word.
 - 1. Could you imagine a deacon saying things in one home he visits, and something completely _____ in another?
 - 2. What about if he meant with some needy person _____ to do all he could, then talking that person down to the elders?
- D. It has to be understood before one accepts the role of deacon that not everyone can be _____ and that truth reigns.

II. Not given to _____ wine.

- A. The _____ of this quality has caused much trouble.
 - 1. There are those that say deacons can drink a _____ based on this.
 - 2. For instance, one version says, “not given to excessive drinking,” another says, “not be _____ drinkers.”
- B. It is even _____ to tell in the original language because the word for “wine” is used for non-alcoholic wine as well as alcoholic.
 - 1. It is used to refer to blood of the grape (Deuteronomy 32:14).
 - 2. It also is used to refer to intoxicating wine.

V. Not _____ of filthy lucre.

- A. Literally means “greedy of base _____.”
 - 1. Carries the idea of “_____ for dishonest gain.”
 - 2. The _____ of money leads to all types of evil.
- B. The man considered for being a deacon has shown himself to not want to use any _____ as a means of getting money.
- C. He has shown himself to be a person who doesn’t _____ after “get rich quick schemes.”

IS IT POSSIBLE TO KNOW THE TRUTH

Mark Lindley

The above question is one that is vital. We live in a time when many have adopted the view that there is no such thing as absolute truth. We are told that what is truth for one, may not necessarily be the truth for another. It simply depends upon the situation. Therefore, according to this view, what one believes to be the truth becomes the truth. If this theory is correct, then there is no higher standard for determining truth than one's mere, fallible, human opinion. In other words, everyone has a right to his or her own opinion and that person's opinion is "the truth" for that person.

Those who believe the Bible cannot accept this idea because the Bible affirms that there is an objective standard for determining what is true. Paul wrote, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21). This statement assumes that there must be an objective standard by which to "prove all things." If truth varies from person to person, how could we follow Paul's instruction to "prove" anything? After all, the real truth would depend upon a person's own subjective view.

This is the way many approach religious questions pertaining to worship, the church, and how to be saved from sin. One might say, "Well, the reason I believe I should be a member of this church is because 'brother-so-and-so' is the preacher, and he won't lead me astray." Another might reason, "Well, I am confident that I am saved because I feel that I'm saved. My feelings prove my salvation." Still, someone else might affirm, "The Lord spoke to me in a vision and told me that I am secure in my salvation."

But think for a moment. Paul said to "prove all things." When Paul made that statement, was he instructing the church to "prove" our teachings by what "brother so-and-so said"? Was Paul suggesting that we prove all things by our unstable feelings and emotions which may change from day to day? Was he suggesting that we prove our beliefs by a vision? What if the vision contradicts the teachings of the Bible? What if what "brother so-and-so" said does not harmonize with scripture? What if our feelings are misguided, and not led by God's Word?

The ultimate test of truth must be God's Word, the Bible. Jesus said, "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:32), and he prayed to the Father, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Let us rely on God's Word for our standard of truth, and not on faulty standards erected by fallible men.