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**WUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE.**

**WOSPEL MEETING AT PARRISH, SEP 9-12**

**WOSPEL MEETING AT CURRY, SEP 16-19**

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12: Sue Lockhart

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEACONS (PT. 2)**

**(1 Timothy 3:9-12)**

He \_\_\_\_\_ hold they mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

A. Notice the word "the" \_\_\_\_\_ the word "faith."

1. This indicates Paul is speaking of an \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

2. He is speaking about the \_\_\_\_\_ message.

B. A prospective deacon must be a man who understands the gospel message and lives a life \_\_\_\_\_ with that message.

C. Could you imagine a deacon, who \_\_\_\_\_ the congregation and the Lord's church, living a life away from the church building that is sinful and deceitful?

1. A deacon cannot be one who is haphazard in \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He cannot be one whom others see \_\_\_\_\_ a worldly life.

D. Could you imagine a deacon who didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel message of salvation or some other important doctrine?

**I. He must be one who has been \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. The word "proved" carries the idea of proving whether something or someone is worthy to be \_\_\_\_\_ or not.

B. This simply means that the men who are chosen to be deacons are those who \_\_\_\_\_ possess these qualities and have shown they possess them.

C. When men have shown they are in possession of these qualities, \_\_\_\_\_ they can well fulfill the office of a deacon.

D. He has to be one against whom no charges of sinfulness or \_\_\_\_\_ to meet these qualifications can be laid.

**II. His \_\_\_\_\_ must meet certain qualifications.**

A. Wives of prospective deacons need to have shown themselves to be \_\_\_\_\_ as well, like their husbands.

B. They are not to be \_\_\_\_\_, which is the meaning of slanderers.

C. They are to be those that exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, which is the idea of sober.

D. They are to be faithful, people in whom \_\_\_\_\_ can be placed.

**V. Husband of \_\_\_\_\_ wife.**

A. This literally means a "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ man."

B. He is to be the husband of one wife \_\_\_\_\_.

**7. He is to rule his own children and home well.**

A. This shows that a deacon must be a man with \_\_\_\_\_.

B. He is to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of his house.

C. He is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ father to his children.

1. He is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of them.

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the home, providing care and love for his family.

D. The word "houses" indicates more than \_\_\_\_\_ family.

**TEACH THE NECESSITY OF BEING IN CHRIST**

**Richard Mansel, via Forthright.net**

As Christians, we must teach the necessity of being in Christ because it negates one of Satan's greatest weapons. The Great Deceiver has been very successful at re-defining words in order to confuse the lost (John 8:44).

We must help people see behind the veil to the truth. A denominational person and a Christian can speak of grace, baptism, salvation, Church and Christianity and be using different definitions.

Satan is satisfied when people feel saved when they are not and never will be with the teachings they are receiving on salvation.

New Testament Christians can have discussions with people in the denominational world about which church is right. They can look around like selecting cans on a grocery store shelf.

However, as long as we look at the Church differently than God does, we will only find the fog of confusion. The way to circumvent Satan's deception is to go to God's Word. Almost all of these groups will hold some allegiance to Jesus and how we must follow him.

From there, we move to the passages on being in Christ and how we enter Christ. In so doing, we have taken away their faulty definitions and developed a way to stand on common ground. No one will ever be saved outside of Christ (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Once they understand this, we can teach them what it means to be lost, saved, sanctified and redeemed. Once we lead them away from Satan's dictionary, we can come closer to seeing scripture the same.

“...till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13, NKJV).

We must unify in something bigger than ourselves. Denominationalism is man-made and must be eliminated. We must unify in the Spirit (Ephesians 4:4) and in Christ (Ephesians 4:13-16), not in one denomination or another.

As long as someone has a denominational mindset, they will never grasp the truth. We must take it away from them and return to the purity of the New Testament (Colossians 3:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-7).