

Study Guide for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. Make Me a Servant: I Timothy 3:8-13

Introduction: Who has impressed you by their service to other Christians? As you got to know them, what seemed to be their motivation? How would you describe their faith?

I. The call and example to serve.

- A. How does Jesus elevate the value of those who serve? (Mt 20:24-28, Lk 22:24-27)
- B. What does Jesus example and explanation (Jn. 13:1-17) reveal about service?
- C. Read Acts 6:1-7. What does this story tell us about the ministry of deacons?
- D. How can you better, "Serve one another in love." (Gal. 5:13 see also I Pet. 4:11)

II. Qualities of those men entrusted to serve. (I Tim. 3:8-10, 12)

- A. List the terms in vs. 8 and illustrate with some you know who demonstrates them.
- B. Describe that character of someone who **keeps hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience**. (vs. 9) (contrast with I Tim. 1:19-20, 4:1-3)
- C. What is the value of testing someone first before having them serve? (I Tim. 5:22)
- D. What is to be expected of the family of one who serves as a deacon?
- E. From this list, how would you describe the expectations on deacons?

III. Qualities of those women entrusted to serve. (I Tim. 3:11)

- A. List the terms in vs. 11 and illustrate with someone you know who demonstrates them.
- B. Compare this list with the qualities mentioned in Tit. 2:3-5.
- C. How does Paul commend ... Phoebe? (Rm. 16:1-2) .. Euodia and Syntyche? (Ph. 4:3)
- D. How do you think Paul would describe the ministry roles of women?

IV. Rewards for faithful service. (I Tim. 3:13)

- A. What two consequences should come to those who serve well?
- B. Why do you think serving well results in these outcomes?
- C. How would you describe the rewards for serving well in God's kingdom?