

## THE FLOCK

### \* DEACONS

#1249 **διάκονος** *diakonos*

= one **executing the commands of another**

= one **entrusted to serve the needs of believers = an office in the church**

- they "serve" the elders freeing them up to prayer and ministry of the Word
- they hold no ruling authority

They must first be **tested**

#1381 **δοκιμάζω** *dokimazo*

= to **test, examine, prove, scrutinize**

= to **judge as good or worthy, to approve**

- to see if they are above reproach

Their qualifications → they must be

a) **people of dignity** (also deaconesses)

#4586 **σεμνός** *semnos*

= **grave, honest, honorable, worthy of respect, noble**

b) not **double-tongued**

#1351 **δίλογος** *dilogos*

= **hypocritical, insincere, two-faced**

c) not **addicted to much wine** (deaconesses)

d) not **fond of sordid gain**

e) **holding to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience** (deaconesses)

f) **husbands of one wife**

g) **good managers of their children and households**

h) not **malicious gossips** (Acts 6:1-4; 1 Ti 3:8-13)

### \* MEN

1. Older men are to be:

- 3524 – **temperate**
- 4586 – **dignified**
- 4998 – **sensible**
- 5198 – **sound in faith, love & perseverance**

2. Younger men are to be:

- 4993 – **sensible**  
= to **put a moderate estimate on oneself**  
= to **think of oneself soberly**
- 2570 / 2041 – **doing good deeds**
- 90 / 1319 – **pure in doctrine**
- 4586 – **dignified**
- 5199 – **sound in speech beyond reproach**

### \* WOMEN

1. Older women are to be:

- 2412 – **reverent in behaviour**
- 1228 – not **malicious gossips**
- 1402 – not **enslaved to much wine**
- 2567 – **teachers of goodness**  
→ **training the young women**

2. Young women are to be:

- 4998 – **sensible**
- 53 – **pure = chaste, modest, clean**
- 18 – **kind** (Titus 2:2-8)

### \* SLAVES AND MASTERS

Slaves must be obedient to their masters;

Masters are to be just and fair to their slaves

(1 Tim 6:1-2; Eph 6:5-9; Col 3:22-4:1; 1 Pet 2:18-20)

### \* FAMILIES

1. Husbands are to

- **love their wives – as Christ did the church**
- **nourish and cherish their wives – as they love and care for themselves**

2. Fathers are to

- **bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord**
- **not provoke their children to anger**
- **not exasperate their children so they will not lose heart**

3. Wives are to

- **be subject to their own husbands – as the church is subject to Christ**
- **love their husbands**
- 5399 – **respect their husbands**  
= to **treat with deference**
- **love their children**
- 3626 – **be workers at home**  
= to **care for or keep a house**
- 3616 – **oikodespoteo – to keep house**  
= to **be master of a house; to rule a household**

4. Children are to obey their parents in all things in the Lord

5. Families are to provide for and take care of their own

(Eph 5:22-33; 6:1-4; Col 3:20-21; 2 Cor 12:14; 1 Tim 5:4, 8, 14)