

God's Man, God's Woman, God's Servants
Lesson 3 – Confident Servants

1 Timothy 3:8–13

1. Review

2. What is a *diakonos*?
 - A. A *diakonos* is a common household servant.
John 2:5
 - B. A *diakonos* is someone in the service of Jesus.
1 Corinthians 3:5; Colossians 4:7; Romans 16:1
 - C. We are all called to serve.
Matthew 20:26–28
 - D. Service can take different forms.
Acts 6:1–6
 - E. Some servants are church officials.
Philippians 1:1

3. What qualities must an official church servant demonstrate?
 - A. “men of dignity” = someone you look up to and respect
Philippians 4:8
 - B. “not double-tongued” = honest, sincere, and consistent in what he says.
 - C. “not addicted to much wine” = not in bondage to wine
 - D. “not fond of sordid gain” = a man of integrity as it concerns financial matters
 - E. “holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience” = tenacious and genuine in his devotion to the profound truths of the faith
 - F. “beyond reproach” = well-spoken of by all who know him.
1 Timothy 3:10
 - G. “husbands of only one wife” = singularly devoted to his wife
 - H. “good managers of their children and their own households” = attentively promotes the true good of his children and his household.

4. What benefits are extended to those who serve well?
1 Timothy 3:13
 - A. Costly service bolsters assurance in Christ.
 - B. Service is greatness, according to Jesus.
Matthew 20:25–28