

The Deacons' qualifications are not just for the Deacon Board, but since the term "deacon" includes the general ministry, the qualifications should be held in view for any man or woman on any board in the church. Any women who serve should also fit the qualifications for Deaconesses.

GOD'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

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<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Titus 1:5-9	Blameless	Unimpeachable integrity
	Husband of one wife	A one-wife kind of man, not a philanderer (doesn't rule out widowers or divorced men)
	Having believing children	Children are Christians, not unruly or incorrigible
	Not self-willed	Not arrogantly self-satisfied
	Not quick-tempered	Not prone to anger
	Not addicted to wine	Not overly fond of wine
	Not violent	Not quarrelsome or contentious
	Not a money-lover	Not greedy for money
	Hospitable	A stranger-lover, generous to guests
	Lover of good	Loving goodness
	Self-controlled	Sensible, self-controlled, sane, temperate
	Upright	Just, righteous, aligned with right
	Holy	Responsible in fulfilling moral obligations to God and man
Disciplined	Restrained, under control	
Holding to the Word	Calling others to wholeness through teaching God's Word	
Able to refute objections	Convincing those who speak against the truth	
Additional from 1 Timothy 3:1-7	Desires the office	A sense of calling, volunteers
	Temperate	Calm and collected spirit
	Gentle	Equitable, not insisting on own rights
	Manage own household	Good servant-leader at home
	Not a new convert	Not a new Christian, maturing faith
	Good reputation	Good representative of Christ among non believers
Additional from	Willing	Not serving against his will