

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

Deacon Covenant

Qualifications for Deacons:

1 Timothy 3 New International Version (NIV)

³ Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full ^[a] respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

⁸ In the same way, deacons ^[b] are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

¹¹ In the same way, the women ^[c] are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

¹² A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. ¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Reasons for Paul's Instructions

¹⁴ Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵ if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. ¹⁶ Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

He appeared in the flesh,
was vindicated by the Spirit, ^[d]
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.

Footnotes:

1. [1 Timothy 3:4](#) Or *him with proper*
2. [1 Timothy 3:8](#) The word *deacons* refers here to Christians designated to serve with the overseers/elders of the church in a variety of ways; similarly in verse 12; and in Romans 16:1 and Phil. 1:1.
3. [1 Timothy 3:11](#) Possibly deacons' wives or women who are deacons
4. [1 Timothy 3:16](#) Or *vindicated in spirit*

Realizing the high honor in my selection as a deacon and the tremendous importance thereof it is my understanding that my responsibility for conducting my life on the highest possible level is even greater than ever before. Being desirous of making my witness, service, and influence count for the greatest possible good, I solemnly promise to seek earnestly to make the following statements of purpose effective and real in my life.

My commitment to the Lord and to the members of His church:

- I will endeavor to conduct my life at all times in a manner pleasing to Christ. I will seek to obey His teachings in attitude and deed.
- I will seek to keep my body clean and pure from anything that would affect my testimony for the Lord.
- I will return to God a regular tithe through the budget of my church, striving to give at least a tenth of my income in fulfillment of my financial stewardship obligation.
- I will be faithful to the Deacon Ministry by striving to attend all regular and called deacon meetings unless unavoidably hindered. If unable to attend a regular or called Deacon meeting, I will contact the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and/or secretary indicating that I will be absent.
- I will support the 3 major ministries of the church: Sunday school, Sunday Corporate Worship Service, and Wednesday evening bible studies.
- I will support via participation and time in many of the local mission activities such as Vacation Bible School, Fall Festival, Upward Basketball, Homecoming, Children's Choir special events, softball field activities, Merge, Revival and church business conferences. In doing such I recognize that many of these children and young adults do not know Christ as their Savior and that my example of Christ-likeness in their lives will only aid in their spiritual growth.
- I will be an active member on various committees and commissions that support the work, function, and operation of PGBC. Through my giving of time and talents an investment of church spirit can be realized by the church membership.
- I will pray for the church, its workers, its staff, and its programs.
- I will strive to participate in all training programs required of the Deacon Ministry. I will be faithful in my responsibility to support the church through my personal involvement with committees of the Deacon Ministry.
- I will support the Senior Pastor in his effort to lead the church in reaching the community for Christ.
- As a deacon of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, I certify that I am in total agreement with the above statements listed in this covenant and will adhere to these principles in my life style and service as a deacon.

Signature_____

Date_____