

1 Tim. 3:8-13 mws

V. 8

Διακόνους

one who gets something done, at the behest of a superior, assistant to someone, one who serves as assistant in a cultic context, attendant, assistant, aide, as one identified for special ministerial service in a Christian community

one who serves as a deacon, with responsibility to care for the needs of believers, deacon, one who helps the believers, 'deacons should be of good character'

ὡσαύτως

marker of similarity that approximates identity, (in) the same (way), similarly, likewise

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σεμνούς

pertaining to evoking special respect, worthy of respect/honor, noble, dignified, serious

pertaining to appropriate, befitting behavior and implying dignity and respect, honorable, worthy or respect, of good character, 'helpers should be of good character'

διλόγους

insincere

pertaining to contradictory behavior based upon pretense or hypocrisy, double-tongued, two-faced, hypocritical, 'church helpers must be good and not be two-faced'

προσέχοντας

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fr. προσεχω

to continue in close attention to something, occupy oneself with, devote, or apply oneself to, 'be addicted to much wine'

to continue with close attention and devotion, to continue to give oneself to, to continue to apply oneself to

αἰσχροκερδεῖς

shamelessly greedy for money, avaricious, fond of dishonest gain

pertaining to being shamefully greedy for material gain or profit, shamefully greedy, 'deacons... who are not shamefully greedy for material gain'

V. 9

ἔχοντας

PAPtcpMPA

fr. ἔχω

to take hold of something, have, hold (to), grip, of holding fast to matters of transcendent importance

to hold on to an object, to hold on to, to retain in the hand, to seize

μυστήριον

that which transcends normal understanding, transcendent/ultimate reality, secret, cf. v. 16
the content of that which has not been known before but which has been revealed to an in-group or restricted constituency, secret, mystery, that which was not known before, with the implication of its being revealed at least to some persons

πίστεως

state of believing on the basis of the reliability of the one trusted, trust, confidence, faith, in the active sense = believing, faith, firm commitment, as true piety, genuine devotion, which means being a Christian

that which is believed, body of faith/belief/teaching

the content of what Christians believe, the faith, beliefs, doctrine

καθαρᾶ

pertaining to being free from moral guilt, pure, free, of things related to a person as a morally or spiritually responsible being

pertaining to not being dirty, clean

συνειδήσει

the inward faculty of distinguishing right and wrong, moral consciousness, conscience

the psychological faculty which can distinguish between right and wrong, moral sensitivity, conscience

V. 10

δοκιμαζέσθωσαν PPImp3pl fr. δοκιμαζω

to make a critical examination of something to determine genuineness, put to the test, examine, of the examination of prospects for special service in the Christian community

to try to learn the genuineness of something by examination and testing, often through actual use, to test, to examine, to try to determine the genuineness of, testing

πρῶτον

pertaining to being first in a sequence, inclusive of time, set (number), or space, first, of time, first, earliest, earlier, as adv. n the first place, before, earlier, to begin with, 'first...then'

pertaining to a point of time earlier in a sequence, before, former, formerly

διακονείτωσαν PAImp3pl fr. διακονεω

to carry out official duties, minister

to serve God in some special way, such as a deacon, to be a deacon, to minister to, 'they should be tested first, and then, if they prove blameless, they should serve as deacons'

ἀνέγκλητοι

blameless, irreproachable, of Christian leaders, see Titus 1:6

pertaining to one who cannot be accused of anything wrong, without accusation

V. 11

γυναῖκας

a married woman, wife

a woman who is married to a man, wife

ὡσαύτως

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σεμνάς

see above

διαβόλους

pertaining to engagement in slander, slanderous, cf. Titus 2:3, 2 Tim 3:3

one who engages in slander, slanderer, 'their wives also must be of good character and not slanderers'

νηφάλιους

pertaining to being very moderate in the drinking of an alcoholic beverage, temperate, sober, cf. v. 2, Titus 2:2-3

pertaining to being restrained in conduct, self-controlled, level-headed

pertaining to behaving in a sober, restrained manner, sober, restrained, cf. v. 2

πιστάς

pertaining to being worthy of belief or trust, trustworthy, faithful, dependable, inspiring trust/faith, of human beings, 'trustworthy in every respect'

pertaining to being trusted, faithful, trustworthy

V. 12

διάκονοι

see above

γυναικὸς

see above

ἄνδρες

an adult human male, man, husband

a man who is married to a woman, husband

καλῶς

pertaining to meeting relatively high standards of excellence or expectation, fitly, appropriately, in the right way, splendidly, cf. v. 4, 13, 5:17

pertaining to events which measure up to their intended purpose, fine, well, good, excellent, well done

προϊστάμενοι PMPtcpMPN fr. προιστημι
to exercise a position of leadership, rule, direct, be at the head (of), of officials and
administrators in congregations, cf. v. 4
to so influence others as to cause them to follow a recommended course of action, to guide, to
direct, to lead

οἶκων
household, family
the family consisting of those related by blood and marriage, as well as slaves and servants,
living in the same house or homestead, family, household

V. 13

διακονήσαντες AAPtcpMPN fr. διακονεω
see above

βαθμὸν
a stage in intellectual or spiritual progress, grade, ‘win a good standing (or rank) for oneself
standing in society implying rank or status, standing, rank, status, ‘those who do a good work
win for themselves a good standing’

περιποιούνται PMI3pl fr. περιποειω
to gain possession of something, acquire, obtain, gain for oneself
to acquire possession of something, with the probable component of considerable effort, to
acquire, to achieve, to win, ‘those who do a good work win for themselves a good standing’

παρρησίαν
a state of boldness and confidence, courage, confidence, boldness, fearlessness, especially in the
presence of persons of high rank, in relation to God, joyousness, confidence is the result or the
accompaniment of faith, cf. Heb 10:35, 3:6
a state of boldness and confidence, sometimes implying intimidating circumstances, boldness,
courage