

# Do You Have the Passion to Serve?

1 Timothy 3:8-16



**Last Week:** Who do you WANT to be?

**This week:** Do you have the passion to serve?

You might want to be something or someone but is there drive to get you there? (passion, commitment, dedication, cost)

Are you hungry for it? (hunger and thirst for righteousness, seek FIRST the kingdom)

Have you had a coach who inspired?

## 1 Tim 3:8

- Deacons = servant, someone who cares for others. (to care for others you need to care)
- Respect = worth doing things the right way, (not cutting corners, compromising)
- Sincere = we can tell if you actually care
- Dishonest gain = caring for the right reasons (not just to get something in return)

## 1 Tim 3:9

Clear Conscience = knowing the why (not always questioning yourself)

## 1 Tim 3:10

Tested = Willing to be examined (transparent, open)

## 1 Tim 3:11-12

Wives (Spouses) and Family = Partnership and Teamwork (no opposition from within)

## 1 Tim 3:13

Serving Well = Assurance (Being a part of a team gives confidence)

## 1 Tim 3:14-15

Instructions of Conduct = Rules can be fun (too many can hinder)

## 1 Tim 3:16

Godliness = mystery (Why God chooses to use us when he doesn't need to is a mystery)

The Church can be like a sports team. Requiring each player to make sacrifices in order to achieve the benefit of the group.

Deacons are servants who seek God's glory above their own.



## Matthew 6:2-4

“So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Jesus' receives glory for serving. By being committed to His cause. By enduring His test.

We cannot do it on our own. We often want our own glory. But the Holy Spirit Glorifies the Son.



## John 14:12-14

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

