

SECTION II: Read 1 Timothy 3:8-13

5. a) Look up the word "deacon" in a dictionary or Bible dictionary. What is a deacon's role in church?
- b) Contrast the traits of an overseer with the traits of a deacon. How are they similar and how do they differ?

Similar

Different

6. a) From **V11**, describe the requirements for the wife of a deacon?
- b) How do you think a woman with these traits would complement or assist her husband in his role as deacon?
- c) Which of the traits listed in **V11** do you desire in your own life and why?
7. a) From **V13**, what two things do these leaders who serve well gain from their service?
- b) Although Paul was speaking of overseers and deacons, describe how you've experienced one of these two things in areas of Christian leadership.

SECTION III: Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16

8. According to **V14-15**, why did Paul write these instructions to Timothy?

9. What is God's household (**V15**) in Paul's words and in your own words?

10. a) **V16** turns to the mystery of godliness. Who is the subject of this verse?

b) What are the six aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that are listed in **V16**?

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c) Given that **V16** is a challenging verse to understand, how do you think that Jesus reveals the great "mystery of godliness?"

11. Recall a time you have been blessed by a Godly leader. Write a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for those God has called to positions of leadership in your church.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In **V1**, Paul says "If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task."

a) What do you think he means by "sets his heart?"

b) In your opinion, should someone seek a position of leadership or be called to it? (If possible, use Scripture to back up your answer.)

2. The devil is referred to in **V6** and **V7**. What do you find interesting about these references in relation to key leadership roles being discussed?

