

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: April 28, 2024
1 Timothy 3:8-13

1. What is Paul talking about when he refers to “deacons”?
 - a. I don’t know.
 - b. Probably people who “deac.”
 - c. People who “serve” alongside the overseers.
 - d. Deacons are sometimes associated with people who serve, as in Acts 6:1-6, so that others can devote themselves to the ministry of the word.
 - e. Some churches consider deacons to be lay leaders in the church.
 - f. In the Church of the Nazarene, a Deacon is an ordained minister who is not necessarily called to preach or oversee an entire church.

2. What is verse 10 talking about?
 - a. I hope the test is multiple choice...
 - b. Serving as a leader in the church is not a right. It is a privilege to be given to those who stand up to the examination of other believers.
 - c. It sounds like this supports some of our ministerial licensing and ordination practices.
 - d. It is clear that they have kept “hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.”
 - e. It is important that people who are going to lead/serve in the church are solid in their faith and their theological teaching.

3. What is verse 11 talking about?
 - a. It sounds like it is saying that some women are deacons.
 - b. Some would suggest that it is talking about the wives of the deacons.

4. Does verse 12 sound familiar? Yes ___ No ___ Where have we heard this before? _____

5. What does verse 13 say is the outcome of “serving well” as a deacon?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

6. Before whom does the one who serves well gain “excellent standing?” _____

7. What does it mean to gain great assurance in our faith? _____

8. Has God called you to serve in his church? _____

9. Are these standards just for ministers? _____
