

## 1-June-2025 | Discussion Questions

The Qualifications of Elders and Deacons | 1 Timothy 3:1-13 | Dr George Tee

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1. Paul's letter to Timothy contains many different themes. Identify the possible reasons why the topic of the appointment and qualifications for both Elders and deacons is included in his letters to Timothy? (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; Acts 6:3; 1 Tim 3: 1-13)
  
2. From the list of qualifications of Elders and deacons, how would you rank them in terms of importance and why? What are the underlying reasons why the criteria used in the selection of spiritual leadership differ from that of the secular leadership?
  
3. Compare and contrast the similarities and differences of the qualifications of both Elders and deacons. Explain the reasons for the differences taking into consideration the roles they play in their respective office in the church?
  
4. Apostle Paul includes the proper behavior of the wife and children of Elders and deacons as one of the qualifications of eligibility to the holy offices. Do you fully agree with Paul on this count? If not, under what conditions and circumstances, may the leaders concerned be relieved from their domestic responsibility? (1 Tim 3:11-12; Titus 1:6)



5. How should we use the lists of qualifications found in 1Tim 3: 1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 as the criteria to choose Elders and deacons in PBC? In your opinion, what are the approaches we should take in order to encourage more qualified people to come forward to serve as Elders and deacons in the church?
6. God called qualified and mature people with spiritual wisdom and experience to become the officers (Elders and deacons) of His church. Responding to God's call requires both personal commitment and self-sacrifices. Paul instructed the congregation to cooperate with the leadership to make their work easier. List down some of the things that the congregation is encouraged to do? (1Thess. 5:12-13, 25; 1Ti 5:17,19; Heb. 13:17-18)