

### A Schematic for Servant-Leadership – 1 Timothy 3:8-13

#### My Story

1. Who was one of your most favorite school teachers? What made that person stand out from the rest?

#### Digging Deeper

2. How are the qualifications for deacons different from the qualifications for overseers (vv.1-7)? How are they similar?
3. What is the “mystery of the faith” Paul refers to in verse 9? Why must a deacon hold firmly to this/these? What would you say are the basic, non-negotiable doctrines of Christianity?

4. Verse 12 calls deacons to model the same sort of marriage & family care as overseers (vv.2,4+5). What should the church do if a deacon is failing in his marriage or family life? What can the church do to better protect the marriages and families of its leaders and people?

#### Reflection

5. What advice would you give to another believer who asked for help in their struggle with self-control in some area of their life (habits, spending, entertainment, etc.)? What has helped you to grow and mature in self-control?
6. How do you support and encourage your family to live out their faith? How is faithfulness in relationships (family, friends, community) related to strength of character?

# SERMON NOTES

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## Taking the Next Step

Take time this week to pray for the leaders in your church (pastor, deacons, trustees, Growth Groups, kids ministries, etc.). Ask God to help you discern ways He might be calling you to lead, and how you can be an encouragement to others who do.

## Praises / Prayer Requests

