

Sermon Notes, Sunday Morning, May 30, 2010
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Deacons, Divorce, & The Double Standard
(1Timothy 3:8-13)

I. Description of Topic on Deacon Qualifications

II. Discussion of Traditions about Deacon Qualifications

A. Positions can be based on Sincere Reasons

1. Appears to be Biblical
2. Upholds Marriage Standards
3. Sets Good Example
4. Prevents Counseling Conflicts

B. Preferences can be based on Strict Religion

1. Traditions can Violate Scripture instead of Validate It
(Matt 12:1-8; Mark 7:1-23; 1Cor 11:17-22)
2. Traditions can come from Emotions instead of Exegesis
(John 5:16-18; Matt 5:38-48; Matt 15:8-9)

III. Desiring the Truth about Deacon Qualifications

A. Based on Conscious Help from God's Spirit (1Cor 2:11-12)

B. Based on Careful Study of God's Scriptures
(2Tim 2:15; 1Cor 11:17-34)