Discussion Questions

1. What are "deacons" (1 Tim. 3:8)? From what little is shared with us in the New Testament, what is the role or work of deacons in the church? Is this a role that is sometimes abused in the church? How? What misconceptions do people often have regarding deacons in the church?

2. Why are the qualifications listed important to a deacon's work (v. 8-13)?

3. The wives are mentioned too (which would also apply to elders). Why is it necessary for the wife of such a man to be qualified (v. 12)?