

**Living as a Family**  
**1 Timothy 3:8-16**  
**Ecclesia, 9**  
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**Living as a family requires serving ...** verses 8-13

- A deacon is an official servant of the church.  
"deacons likewise ..."
- A deacon is respectable as one who ...  
"worthy of respect, sincere"
  - ... is not controlled by alcohol.  
"not indulging in much wine"
  - ... is not motivated by money.  
"not pursuing dishonest gain"
  - ... consistently embodies the truth of the gospel.  
"keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience"
  - ... has a wife who is respectable as well.  
"wives, worthy of respect, not malicious talkers, temperate and trustworthy"
  - ... is faithful to his wife.  
"husband of but one wife"
  - ... understands how to live as a family.  
"manage his children and household well"
- A deacon's reward is ...  
"gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith"

**We need to understand that the church is ...** verses 14-16

- the family of God.  
"know how to conduct themselves in God's household"
- the support of the truth of Christ.  
"the pillar and foundation of the truth"
  - ... God pursued humanity by becoming one of us.  
"appeared in a body"
  - ... Jesus conquered sin through the death and resurrection.  
"vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels"
  - ... This story changes lives as people believe.  
"preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory"

**APPLICATION**

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**Quotes:**

"When we become aware that we do not have to escape our pains, but that we can mobilize them into a common search for life, those very pains are transformed from expressions of despair into signs of hope."  
Henri Nouwen