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Ways that Deacons Advance the Gospel

1 Timothy 3:8-13

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1. Character qualifications for deacons (1 Timothy 3:8, 12)

2. Wives or women deacons? (1 Timothy 3:11)

3. The reward for deacons (1 Timothy 8:13)

Table Talk

- 1) Who are deacons, and what do they do? How has the term, "deacon," been confused in the American church? What does the term mean?
- 2) Of the character qualifications for deacon, which do you find easy? Which do you find difficult? (vv. 8-10, 12)
- 3) What evidence is there of women deacons in the New Testament? What would be some advantages of having women deacons? Why do you think East White Oak does not have women deacons?
- 4) What rewards are promised for the deacon who serves well?
- 5) How can all of us be deacons, whether or not we serve in some official capacity that way?