



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 1 Timothy 3v8-16

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

[The ESV is highly recommended for accuracy in Bible study.]

V 8 Paul continues to instruct Timothy on how we should act in church (1Tim3v14-15). **What** is the first qualification of a deacon ("servant" in Greek, cf. Ac6) in a local church ? Is this the definition of a "noble task" (cf v1) ?

Which of the required qualifications in this verse is not mentioned in those for elders in verses 1-7 ? Is this just "not telling lies" ?

V 9 **How** does a believer hold a good conscience ? Is "the mystery of godliness" something mysterious and unknown or do we have a model to follow that amazes the world ? (cf. v16)

V 10 **Where** should future Deacons be "tested" ? Is this a written exam for a diploma ?

V 11 No translation is perfect ! The ESV is not as good here as the NASB because the Greek word (γυναίκας) is just "married women" as opposed to "virgins" (παρθενοίς). **Who** can be qualified to be a Deaconess ? (There are 4 characteristics in this verse ?)

V 12 **Why** is being a husband and having children required instead of just being a man ? (cf v5)

V 13 **When** do Deacons and by association, Deaconesses "gain" ? Is this on earth or like their faith in Christ ?

Vs 14-15 These are the Key Verses of the book. **Where** are the imperative verbs of this book applicable ? Are these rules for civil government, work and education outside the church ?

V 16 **Who** is described in this verse ? Is it then possible to be "godly" (God like) in the flesh ?

List **ALL** the official positions for a local church revealed by this book. Is there an official position of "Pastor" or is that a spiritual gift (cf. 1Cor 12, 14 & Eph 4) like the others spiritual gifts that have no official position in a local church ?