

servants of Christ



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overseers and **deacons**.

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Special Servants



*The qualifications
and work of deacons*

Definition



διάκονος

minister
servant

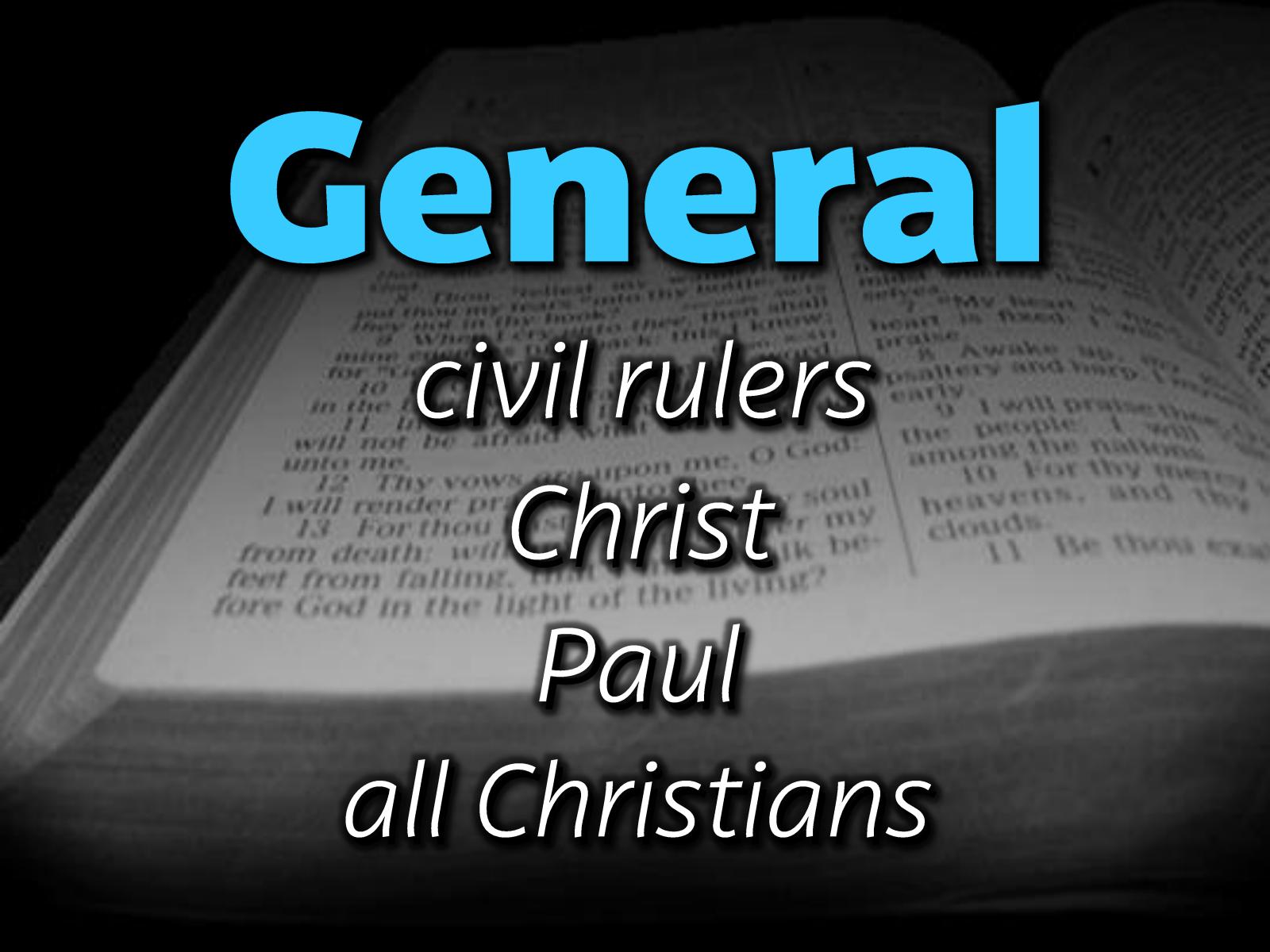
deacon

διακονος

2

general
special

General civil rulers Christ Paul all Christians



General Special

*from death, wilt not thou
feet from failing, that I may walk be-
fore God in the light of the living?*

Qualifications of deacons

1 Timothy 3:8-13

► Dignified



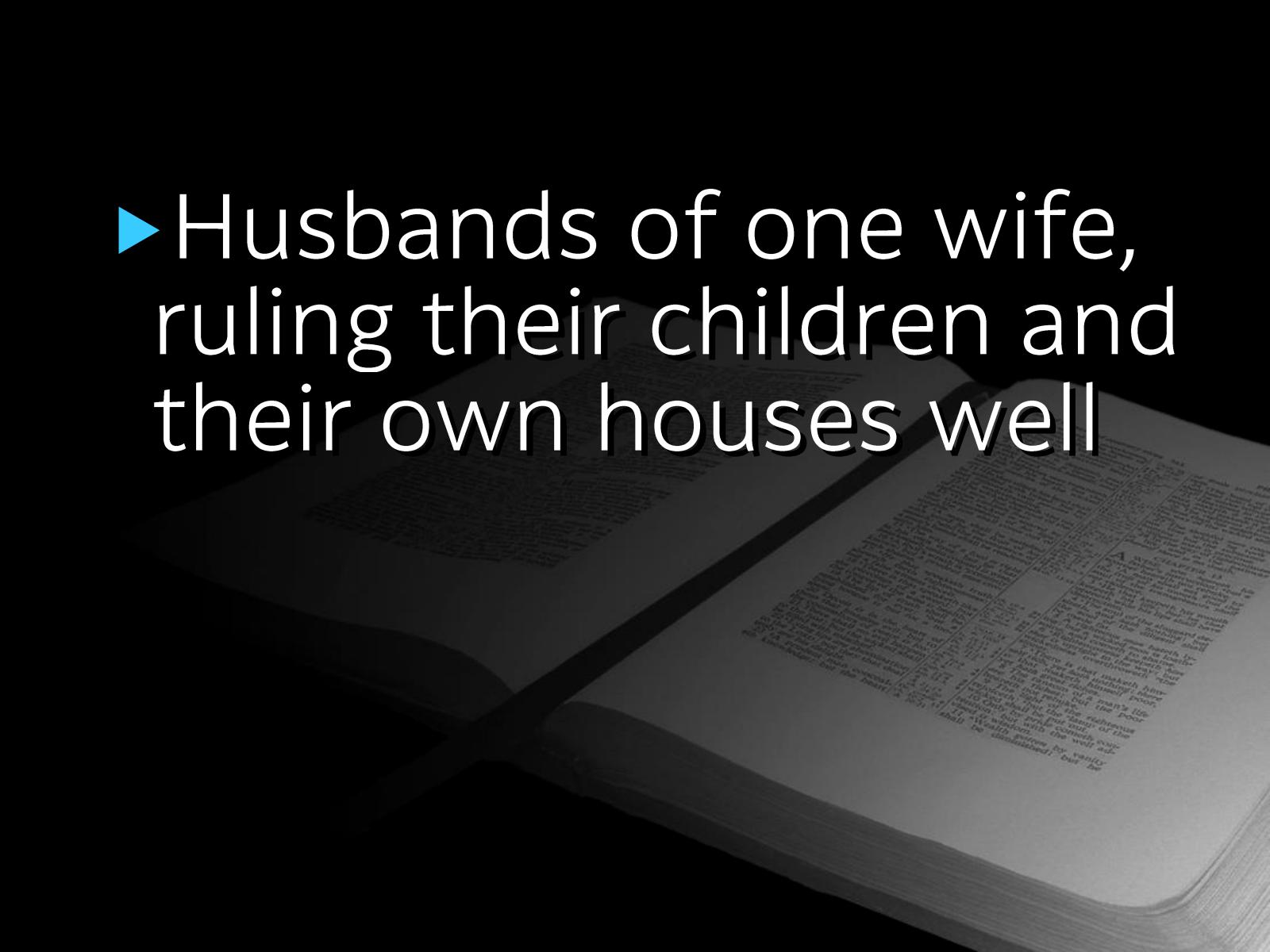
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- ▶ Not greedy for dishonest gain

- ▶ Holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience
- ▶ Blameless



► Husbands of one wife,
ruling their children and
their own houses well

► Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.

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Work of deacons

12 Thy vows are upon me, o God,
I will render praises unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul
from death; wilt not thou deliver my
feet from falling, that I may walk be-
fore God in the light of the living?

Acts 6:1-4

Now in these days when the
disciples were increasing in
number, a complaint by the
Hellenists arose against the
Hebrews

Acts 6:1-4

because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

10 In God will I praise his word,
in the Lord will I praise his word.
11 In God have I put my trust: I
will not be afraid what man can do
unto me.
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And the twelve summoned
the full number of the
disciples and said, “It is not
right that we should give up
preaching the word of God to
serve tables.

Acts 6:1-4

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, **full of the Spirit and of wisdom**, whom we will appoint to this duty.

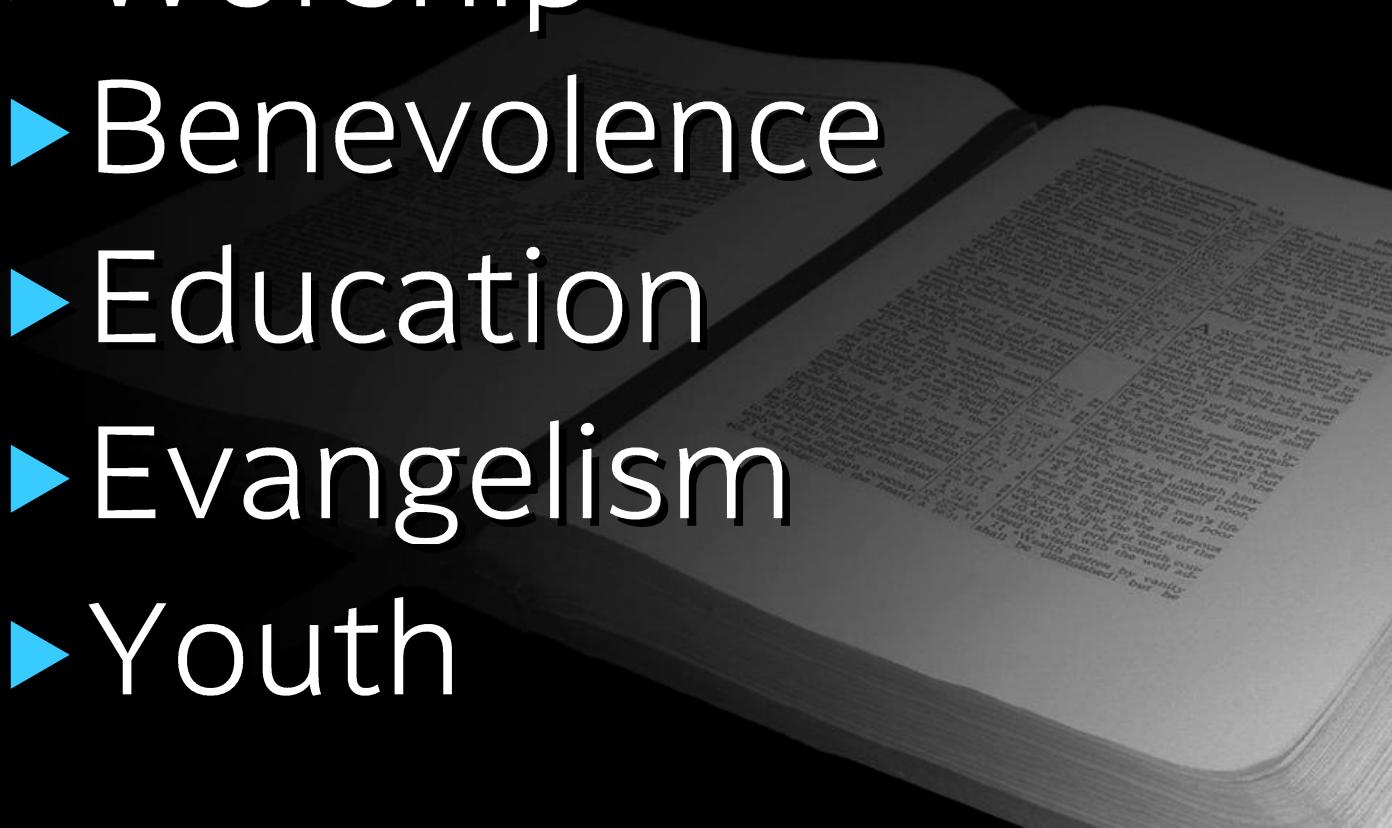
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But we will devote ourselves
to prayer and to the ministry
of the word.

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- ▶ Visitation
- ▶ Worship
- ▶ Benevolence
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Evangelism
- ▶ Youth



- ▶ Financial matters
- ▶ Building and grounds
- ▶ Office management

Misconceptions about deacons



- ▶ Not junior elders
- ▶ Not limited to material matters
- ▶ Not necessarily “*elders in the making*”
- ▶ Not merely honorary

For those who serve well
as deacons gain a good
standing for themselves
and also great confidence
in the faith that is in Christ
Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:10

Are
you
a servant of Christ?