

**Descending Into Greatness** (Part Two)  
– I Timothy 3:8-13 –

Elders and Deacons work together like left and right hands:

\* With *ELDERS* specializing in leading by their \_\_\_\_\_

\* With *DEACONS* specializing in serving by their \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Personal Character**

**B. Spiritual Walk**

**C. Christian Service**

**D. Home Life**

**Application Questions. . .**

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. Look closely at the stated requirements for deacons. Which of these relate more to *ability*, which relate more to *character*, and which relate to neither?
3. Review again each of the criteria for those serving as deacons. For each one, discuss *why* it is important. Ask this question: What could easily happen in a church if the leaders were weak in this area?
4. Although applied specifically to deacons here, why are these qualities important for all Christians?
5. Discuss Pastor Buck's analogy of viewing the church as either a *Hotel* or a *Home*. How invested are you in the family?
6. Of all that you see in this passage, what one truth are you most *thankful* for, because of its personal significance to you?