



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Guard the Truth

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Preparation

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Call to Worship

Song

Come All Christians, Be Committed – #497

Prayers of the People

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament

Psalm 1

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

Leading Servants of the Church

1 Timothy 3:8-13

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song

Before the Throne of God Above

Benediction

Benediction Response

Thank You, Lord

Guard the Truth
Leading Servants of the Church
1 Timothy 3:1-7

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 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. 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. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. (Acts 6:1-6)

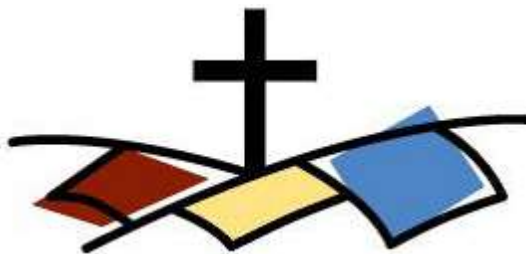
I. Places of Discernment for Deacons (8-12)

- A) Observable Conduct "likewise" (8)
- B) Deep Truths of the Faith - the Gospel (9)
~ see Ephesians 6:19
- C) Tested (10)
- D) Family Life (11-12)

II. Rewards for Faithful Deacons (13)

Points to Ponder: How might this text help us encourage our leading servants (Deacons) at Great Valley?

Next Week: We will continue our study of 1 Timothy *Guard the Truth* by considering the text of **1 Timothy 3:14-16** "The Church's Identity."



Come All Christians, Be Committed

Come all Christians be committed
To the service of the Lord
Make your lives for Him more fitted
Tune your hearts with one accord
Come into His courts with gladness
Each His sacred vows renew
Turn away from sin and sadness
Be transformed with life anew

Of your time and talents give Him
They are gifts from God above
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim His wondrous love
Come again to serve the Savior
Tithes and off'rings with you bring
In your work with Him find favor
And with joy His praises sing

God's command to love each other
Is required of ev'ryone
Showing mercy to each other
Mirrors His redeeming Son
In compassion He has given
Of His love that is divine
On the cross sins were forgiven
Joy and peace are fully thine

Come in praise and adoration
All who on Christ's name believe
Worship Him with consecration
Grace and love will you receive
For His grace give Him the glory
For the Spirit and the Word
And repeat the gospel story
Till the world His name has heard

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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
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