one desiring the office of an overseer aspires for a good work (1 Timothy 3:1) so the ones aspiring to be deacons desire a good work Romans 16:1- I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a church at Cenchreae,	servant of the
B. The	pect" ose who accuse eos")
most still be a focus – See 1 Timothy 5 for the taking care of widows and note also James 1:27. II. Who can be a deacon? – The of the ministry A. One who has consistency in their personal life 1. For the men B. One who has consistency in their family life -1 Time deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing the their own households well. 1. One women men - Same as 1 Timothy 3:2 2. Caring for and directing (Grk. "proistemi") children	heir children and
a. They must be reverent 1 Timothy 3:8bmust be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. homes 3. Well or Good - See 1 Timothy 3:4.	
 Honorable, worthy of respect (Greek "semnos" – Mandated for older men – <i>Titus 2:2</i>) Not be double-tongued – Insincere, two-faced (Greek "dilogos") Not given to much wine –Lit. "not devoting himself to much wine" Not greedy for money – shamefully greedy III. What rewards are the deacons? - The	g gain a good
- Not addicted to money See <i>Titus 1:7</i> b. They must be sincere – <i>1 Timothy 3:9</i> "They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience". See <i>1 Timothy 1:5 & 1:19</i> A. The Prerequisite – "For those who have served well 1. For – this why they must qualify by handling their hand 2. Greek – "diakoneo kalos" – the one serving well	
c. They must be proven – 1 Timothy 3:10 - And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 1) Prove by testing, examine, try out (Greek "dokimazo") 2) Then let them serve as deacon – One word ("diakoneo") – serve/minister continually 3) Blameless (Greek "anegkletos") free from accusation -Titus 1:6-7 B. The Promise 1. Lit. "acquire for themselves a good rank". – Before the greatest, the servant is the leader. 2. Lit "acquire for themselves much boldness/confide God – See 1 John 2:28 3. Location of this position - In the sphere of the Christ Contrast - Hebrews 13:17 and James 3:2	ence" – Before

Purpose Statement

A. The _____ of our Church -1 *Timothy 3:14-15a* - I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave....

- 1. Paul's plan I hope to come shortly/quickly (To Ephesus)
- 2. Paul's provision How it is divinely (Greek "dei") necessary to behave (Greek "anastréphō") means our way of everyday life

B. The _____ of our Church -1 *Timothy 3:15b* - in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

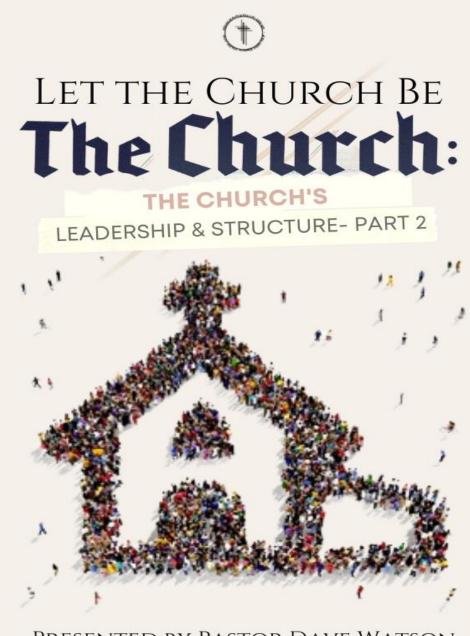
- 1. House of God family of God *Ephesians 2:18* We are family
- 2. Church of the living God 2 Corinthians 6:16 He lives here
- 3. Pillar and ground of the truth Column (Greek "sulos") and stay or support (Greek "hedraioma") regarding truth The church is that which is the girding up and supporting the truth.

C. The _____ of our Church – 1 Timothy 3:16 - Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

- Without controversy Confessedly (Greek" homologoumenos")
- Mystery previously hidden now revealed in Jesus Jesus reveals how godliness is achieved.

Early Church Creed

- 1. His incarnation He was manifested in the flesh (Greek "phaneo"- to cause to be seen) 1 *John 1:2*
- 2. His resurrection Justified in the Spirit *Romans 1:4*
- 3. His observation Seen by angels *Luke 2:14*
- 4. His proclamation Preached among the nations (Greek "ethne") *Matthew 4:15-16*
- 5. His ascension Taken up in glory Acts 1:9-11



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