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*Believe*  
**What's Greater**

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

*Isaiah 53:1-2 (NKJV)*



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# **Bible Study Lesson 3:** **“The Spiritual Qualifications of Deacons”**

*A Biblical Study of the Deacon's Role in the Local Church*

**Primary Text: Acts 6:3**

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## **Key Truth**

Deacons are chosen for **character before competence.**

## **The Three Qualifications:**

### **1. Good Reputation**

Public trust inside and outside the church

### **2. Full of the Holy Spirit**

Spirit-led discernment, not task-only service

### **3. Full of Wisdom**

Practical, godly judgment under pressure



## Teaching Emphasis

Deacons are **spiritual leaders**, not:

- Event planners
- Enforcers
- Errand runners

This is **spiritual leadership**, not volunteer staffing

Deacons must handle **people, problems, and pressure**



## **Reflection Question**

Which of these three is most challenging in modern church life—and why?

## **Personal Assessment Tool**

Ask deacons to privately reflect:

- How is my reputation?
- Where do I see the Spirit leading me?
- How do I respond under tension?