

# **BERKELEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **Deacon Qualifications**

**September 30, 2009**

### **Personal Life**

1. He must practice complete abstinence in regard to the vices of drinking alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco, pornography, and gambling.
2. His conversations must not include profane words.
3. He must be a person who follows through on his commitments.
4. He must not run a business that profits from the sale of any of the things mentioned in #1 above. He must not be an employee of a business whose main industry is one of the things mentioned in #1 above.
5. He must not patronize night clubs, bars, etc.
6. He must exhibit a genuine relationship with Christ, and must exhibit a Christian character.
7. He must be physically able to perform duties.

### **Family Life**

1. If he has been divorced; 2 years must have elapsed since his final divorce date before he can be considered as a prospective deacon candidate and his single or married status must be stable.
2. He must have a stable family life, which means that; if he is currently legally married and has a wife and/or children; they must live together and must not have any court cases against one another. If he has children by a previous marriage, he must help provide for their needs.

### **Church Life**

1. He must be a faithful member of Sunday School, regularly participate in worship services, and be a regular participant in church activities.
2. He must have held a position of service in the church and he must have been faithful in those duties.