

Deacon Recommendation Form

According to the Deacon Selection Process, this form provides any member of Parkway Baptist Church in good standing the opportunity to recommend a man for consideration as a deacon. After speaking to the man to indicate your desire to recommend him, please carefully and prayerfully submit this form to the current Deacons.

Nominator Information

Name: _____ Day-time Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Please rate and comment about the person related to each of the following areas to the best of your knowledge. After each paragraph there is an evaluation scale. The purpose of this is not to affix a score of some kind to a man's character. The purpose is simply to bring out strong points and weak points. Circle the number on the evaluation scale that best describes his character. Please remember these things while evaluating: (1) only God is perfect (2) take your time and reflect seriously about his relationship with God (3) these qualities are God's standards; not man's.

Deacon Qualifications

1. **A man must be worthy of respect and sincere.** (1 Timothy 3:8).

How do you evaluate his reputation as a Christian? Do you get positive feedback from those closest to him that would indicate that he is respected by those people who are closest to him? Do men in the world respect him as having high moral standards and impeccable ethics? Does he do all things without complaining? Does he honor his promises even if they were not put into writing?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

Briefly explain your rating: _____

2. He must not be addicted to too much wine. (1 Timothy 3:8)

Does he display a Spirit-controlled ability to do all things in moderation, without being brought under the bondage of any habit? Is there anything that he takes into his body which has control over him? Does he have any addictive hobbies or pastimes? Does he do anything that is causing a weaker Christian to stumble and sin against God?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

Briefly explain your rating: _____

3. He must not pursue dishonest gain. (1 Timothy 3:8)

Does his handling of money reflect wisdom and prayer? Does he seek to “climb the ladder” at the expense of others or using dishonest means? Does he make fair business deals and pay his bills on time? Does he take credit for work and accomplishments that are not his to make himself look better in the eyes of men?

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Briefly explain your rating: _____

4. He must be a one-woman kind of man. Taken from the phrase husband of but one wife, this man has one woman in his life and is completely faithful to her. (1 Timothy 3:12)

If he is married, does he have eyes only for his wife, so that he loves her with sacrificial care for her needs, even if his own needs must be neglected? Is he nurturing her toward Christlikeness in active ways? Does he have trouble with lusting after other women? Does he look twice or once too long? Does he demand his “rights” in a selfish way? Does he and wife have disharmony on important matters? Does he know how to meet the special needs of his wife in a creative way?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

Briefly explain your rating: _____

5. He must manage his children and household well. (1 Timothy 3:12)

Does he reflect godly wisdom and consistency in the care and discipline of his children, so that they are well behaved and well adjusted both at home and in public? Are his children dependable and polite, having a reputation of not being insubordinate to authorities or “wild” in their behavior? Do his children treat him with respect and obedience? Does he spend time each week teaching his children Christian truth and wisdom for life? Does he have trouble discipling his children without anger? Do his older children who have left home seek and respect his counsel? Does he have a smooth-running household that demonstrates the love of Christ?

Dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Satisfied

Briefly explain your rating: _____

6. His adherence to the faith must be unquestioned and his life must be congruent with the faith he professes. (1 Timothy 3:9).

When faced with spiritual tests does he demonstrate the reality of his faith and his submission to God? Is he so conscious that whatever he becomes is the result of God’s grace that the praises or criticisms of men do not turn his gaze inward away from Christ? Is he unwilling to do tasks which are menial and lowly?

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Briefly explain your rating: _____

7. He must pass the test with a godly life. (1 Timothy 3:10).

Has he been saved long enough not to become puffed up about being considered to be a deacon? Has he faced a sufficient number of spiritual tests that demonstrate the reality of his faith and his submission to God? If tested on the basis of his life, does he exemplify a true servant of God?

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Briefly explain your rating: _____

8. His wife must be dignified, not a gossip, temperate, and faithful in all things. (1 Timothy 3:11).

Will his wife's life hold-up under the scrutiny of leadership? Is she distinguished from other women as a woman of God? Is she known to have an intimate relationship with God and complete submission to Him? Does she ever talk about matters of another person's life with anyone? Is she self-controlled or does she lose her temper often? Is she given to tantrums when things don't go her way? Does she faithfully seek to know God's will and to obey Him fully in all things?

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Briefly explain your rating: _____
