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Lesson 101: 2 Samuel 15:13-26 On the Road Again

Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20. When the people ask for a king, there are requirements for the king to follow. Who was to choose the king?

From among where?

What must the king not acquire for himself? (Verses 16 and 17) Why not?

What shall he write for himself when he sits on the throne? What shall he do with what he writes?

Where should his heart not be? What should he not turn aside from?

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Here we see the qualifications for elders and deacons. As you look at these, fill in the top chart from verses 1-7 for the elders, with the qualification on the left and why that would be important for the role they are assuming on the right. Fill in the bottom chart for deacons, again, with the qualification on the left and why that would be important on the right.

Elders

Qualification	Why is this important?

Deacons and their wives

Qualifications	Why is this important?

Go back and look at the qualifications for elders and deacons. Highlight or circle or make note of those things that overlap.

The job of the overseer/elder and deacon is to demonstrate for all the body what a follower of Christ should look like in terms of leadership within his home and in his life, and to train up the body to live in those ways too.

As a woman, go back and look at the qualifications for the deacons' wives. Those are qualifications we should all be striving for. Circle or highlight with a different color those four qualities of a deacon's wife, and consider how God is working in your life to draw those qualities out in you.

As you spend time with God today, pray for those in authority over you, especially within the church. Thank God for providing this mentoring way of modeling how to walk with Him, ray for the elders and deacons and pastors, for their families, and perhaps take some time to write them a note today to let them know how much you appreciate the responsibility they carry.