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There are at least (2) distinct positions in the Church, Elder (overseer) and Deacon.

What does the term, deacon, suggest? (Note: diakonos is not used in Acts 6. Principle is there)

Diakonos='a servant' or 'table-waiter'. It's a servant position foreshadowed in Acts 6:1-6

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He must, like an elder, be dignified (serious, venerable). A positive quality of character.

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Dilogos=saying one thing to one person and another thing to another person. Integrity.

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A deacon must not be addicted to wine and not inclined to sordid gain (financial).

And what is characteristic of their spiritual lives? 3:9; 1:5, 19

They must hold firmly to faith with a clear conscience. That is, they really live it.

How are 'official' deacons to be identified? 3:10 3:6; 5:22; IJn.4:1

They are to be continually tested (examined). Serve (officially) if beyond reproach.

What is the only specific difference between a deacon and an elder? 3:2b

Able / apt to teach (the Word). This is a recognized spiritual gift. This is often neglected.

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It may be deaconesses (female deacons, i.e. NASU) or the wives of deacons (i.e. NIV).

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Dignified, not malicious gossips, temperate, trustworthy in everything.

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He hoped to come to Timothy but if delayed, he wants him to know church conduct.

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As the household of God, church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth!

What is the content of 3:16?

It's an early hymn about Christ. Made visible in the flesh, justified in the Spirit...

Seen by Angels (holy and fallen), proclaimed to the nations, believed on in this world,

And taken up (ascension) into glory (heaven). The Gospel in hymn form!