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Chapter 2

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(1) I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;
 (2) For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
 (3) For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
 (4) Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
 (5) For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
 (6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
 (7) Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
 (8) I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
 (9) In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;
 (10) But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.
 (11) Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
 (12) But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
 (13) For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

(1) Therefore I urge you, that, first of all, requests, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;
 (2) For kings, and *for* all those who are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
 (3) Because this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;
 (4) Who wants all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 (5) Because *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;
 (6) Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
 (7) To which I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* do not lie;) a teacher of the Gentiles {non-Jews} in faith and truth.
 (8) Therefore I desire that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without anger and doubts.
 (9) In the same way also, that women adorn themselves in modest clothes, with modesty and discretion; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array {jewelry, clothing}.^a
 (10) But (which becomes women professing godliness) with good works.
 (11) Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
 (12) But I do not allow a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
 (13) Because Adam was first formed, then Eve.

2:9a – dress in modesty... - no braided hair, gold, pearls, costly array – the purpose of someone dressing in a “revealing” way or wearing such things is to draw attention to themselves and to set themselves above others – all this is unbecoming a child of God.

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(14) And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
(15) Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Chapter 3

(1) This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
(2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
(3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
(4) One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
(5) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
(6) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
(7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
(8) Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
(9) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

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(14) And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the sin.
(15) Nevertheless she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with discretion.

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(1) This is a true saying, If a man desires the office of a bishop {pastor},^a he desires a good work.
(2) A bishop {pastor} then must be blameless, {presently be} the husband of one wife,^b vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, able to teach;
(3) Not given to wine, no bully, not greedy for filthy worldly riches; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
(4) One who rules his own household well, having his children in subjection with all honor;
(5) (Because if a man does not know how to rule his own household, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
(6) Not a new convert, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
(7) Furthermore he must have a good report of those who are outside; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
(8) Likewise the deacons^c *must be* honorable, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy worldly riches;
(9) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

3:1a - bishop - episkopē {ἐπισκοπή} - overseer [pastor]

3:2b - notice the verb "be" is present tense - {εἶναι} [present infinitive in the Greek] the man must presently be the husband of one wife. To translate as "must have been" the husband of one wife would be a mistranslation and a distortion of God's word. The command here is that the man must currently have only one wife [i.e. he cannot be a bishop {pastor} in the church if he currently has multiple wives, i.e. polygamist] I Tim 3:12 gives the same requirement for deacons. See Acts 6:3 {first deacons?} - qualifications always have to do with a person's present submission to the Holy Spirit - qualifications never have to do with past sin. – see also Titus 1:5f - see note on I Tim. 3:12 below.

3:8c - deacon - diakonos {διάκονος} – servant – attendant – someone who waits on another – see Acts 6