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(16) Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

**Chapter 5**

(1) Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren;

(2) The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

(3) Honour widows that are widows indeed.

(4) But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

(5) Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

(6) But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

(7) And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

(8) But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

(9) Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

(10) Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

King James Paraphrase

(16) Take heed to yourself, and to the teaching; continue in them: because in doing this you will both save yourself, and those who listen to you.

**Chapter 5**

(1) Do not rebuke an elder, but plead with *him* as a father; *and treat* the younger men as brothers;

(2) The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

(3) Honor widows who are widows indeed.

(4) But if any widow has children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to provide for their own parents {and relatives}: because that is good and acceptable before God.

(5) Now she who is a widow indeed, and has nothing, trusts in God, and continues in petitions to God and prayers night and day.

(6) But she who lives in pleasure is dead even while she lives.

(7) And charge them to obey these things, that they may be blameless.

(8) But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his own household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel {unbeliever}.

(9) Do not let not a widow be taken into the number under sixty years old,<sup>a</sup> having been the wife of one man,<sup>b</sup>

(10) Well reported of for good works; if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

5:9a - i.e. if the widow is less than 60 years of age, she should not be included in the daily distribution of food. See I Tim. 5:14 and 5:16 below. The deacons were first called because the Greek widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. See Acts 6:1-6

5:9b - having been the wife of one man - note the difference in the tense of the verb as compared to 3:2 and 3:12 above which were present tense verbs.

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(11) But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;  
(12) Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.  
(13) And withal they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.  
(14) I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.  
(15) For some are already turned aside after Satan.  
(16) If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.  
(17) Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.  
(18) For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.  
(19) Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.  
(20) Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

(11) But the younger widows refuse: because when they have begun to become lustful against Christ, they will marry;  
(12) Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.  
(13) And as a result they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but gossips also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.  
(14) Therefore I want the younger women to marry, bear children, guide the household, give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.  
(15) Because some have already turned aside after Satan.  
(16) If any man or woman who believes has widows, let them provide for them, and do not let the church be charged; that it may provide for those who are widows indeed.  
(17) Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and teaching.  
(18) Because the Scripture says, **You shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn.<sup>c</sup>**  
And, The laborer is worthy of his reward.  
(19) Do not receive an accusation against an elder, except before two or three witnesses.  
(20) Those who sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

5:18c - Deut. 25:4

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(21) I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

(22) Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

(23) Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

(24) Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some *men* they follow after.

(25) Likewise also the good works of *some* are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

**Chapter 6**

(1) Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and *his* doctrine be not blasphemed.

(2) And they that have believing masters, let them not despise *them*, because they are brethren; but rather do *them* service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

(3) If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

(4) He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

(21) I charge *you* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that you observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

(22) Do not lay hands quickly on any man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep yourself pure.

(23) Do not drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your often illnesses.

(24) Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before them to judgment; and some *men's sins* follow after them.

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(3) If any man teaches otherwise, and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the teaching which is according to godliness;

(4) He is proud, knowing nothing, but stirring up questions and arguments, from which comes envy, disagreements, evil ranting, evil suspicions.