

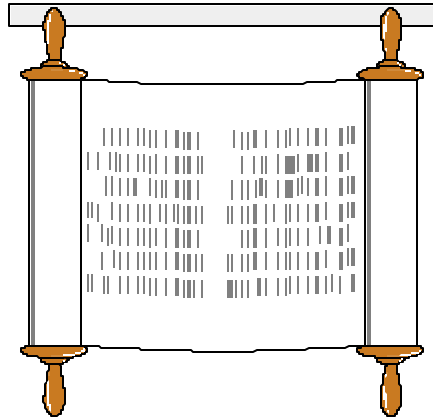


1 TIMOTHY

PAUL WRITES TO BROTHER TIMOTHY

Remember that you should teach no different doctrine and invent no new doctrine that is wrong. Don't let people waste time in endless speculation and fables and genealogies. Lead them to stop devoting themselves to myths and never let legends occupy their minds. These things only bring arguments, they don't help people live a life of faith in God.

The purpose of my instruction and Christian discipline is that they should be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and sincere faith. Some teachers have missed this whole point and have deviated into empty fruitless talk, babbling in vain arguments and discussions and purposeless talk. They have lost their way in empty reasoning and have gone astray into a wilderness of words. They want to be known as teachers of the Law of Moses but they don't even know what they are saying and have no idea of the meaning of the words that they say even though they seem so confident. We know that the law is good, if one put it to a legitimate use. Knowing this that a law was not enacted for a righteous man but for the unrighteous and disobedient, ungodly, sinful, irreverent and profane worldly people who



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consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy and would murder their parents and other people. Laws are for people who are sexually immoral, for homosexuals and slave traders, for liars, false witnesses and oath breakers and for those that do anything to contradict the right teaching that comes from the glorious good news which is intrusted to me in ac-

To Timothy my true son in the faith; grace, spiritual blessings, favor, mercy and peace be your from God the Father and Christ our Lord.

PAUL WRITES TO BROTHER IN CHRIST, TIMOTHY

Paul writes to Timothy a young minister, on how to deal with those things that he is sure to see in the ministry such as false teachers and how to conduct public worship and urges him to cultivate qualities that would better equip him for the demands of his duties. The church and its duties are described and it is obvious that Paul is anxious that his friend be a "good minister of Jesus Christ."

Timothy was in Ephesus at this time and Paul urges him to stay there to warn and admonish and charge the people and teach doctrine that the people be established.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

Ty, my instructions for you are on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. I speak to you as a son, because you are as a son to me and I teach you of the Lord as a father would teach his very own son. This charge and admonition I commit in trust to you. Cling tightly to your faith in Christ and always keep your conscience clear. Have confidence to fight well in the Lord's battles. Some people have deliberately violated their consciences. As a result their faith is shipwrecked. They have wrecked their lives in regards to the faith. Their faith is ruined because of the violation of their consciences. Hymenacus and Alexander are two examples of this. I have turned them over to Satan that they may be taught by chastisement not to blaspheme. For in being disciplined, they will no longer blaspheme God.

Do not allow pleasures of the flesh to lead you into sin that will tear down your faith.

May the prophetic words spoken about you give you the confidence to fight well in the Lord's battles.

Keep your conscience clear so that it does not shipwreck your faith.

PAUL HAS GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S MERCY

How thankful I am to Christ Jesus our Lord for considering me trustworthy and enabling, empowering and appointing me to serve Him. Jesus Christ is the source of my strength although in the past I had met him with abuse and persecution and outrage. Nevertheless, mercy was shown to me because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief. The grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant and it flooded my life with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Thanks to God for His love and mercy.

Glory and honor to God forever.

This is a true saying deserving of universal acceptance that Christ came into the world to save and rescue sinners. He can use me as a prime example of His great patience even with the worst sinners. Others will realize that they, too, can believe in Him and receive eternal life. Glory and honor to God for ever and ever. He is the eternal king, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. The king of all ages. The king of all worlds. The king eternal, ever-living, unseen immortal, invisible, the only God.

Not only did He forgive my sin so that I could experience salvation, but He loved me and appointed me to serve him. He also held me up for an example that others might be encouraged to believe on Him.

**Thanks for
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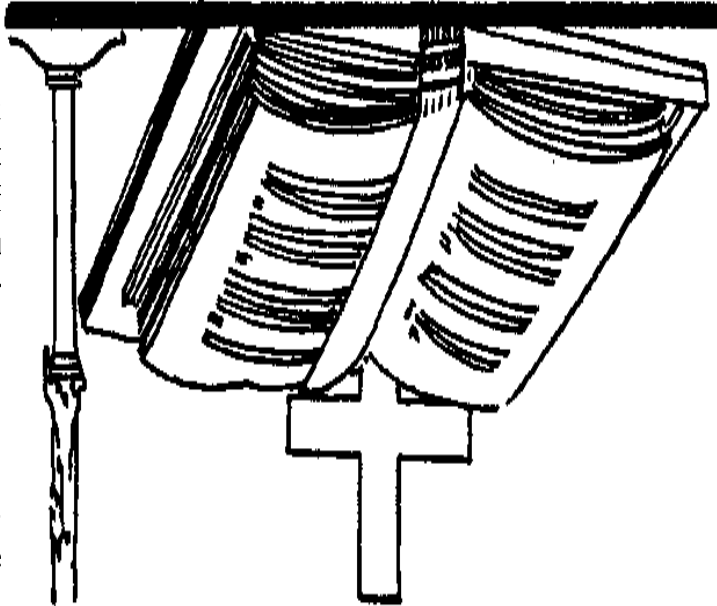


INSTRUCTIONS ON WORSHIP

Urge and exhort you as most important of all that you give prayer supplications, intercessions, petitions, earnest requests, and thanksgivings be made for all men.

Pray this way for kings and those in authority so we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour because He wants everyone to understand the truth and to be saved. God wishes and desires all men to be saved and come to realize the truth.

There is **one and only one God**. There is **one and only one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus. He gave himself a ransom and an offering for all.



***God desires
all men to be
saved!***

He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. And I, Paul, am ordained a preacher, and an apostle to teach the Gentiles about God's plan of salvation through faith and truth.

So church, whenever you assemble, **I want men to pray with holy hands** reverently lifted up to God without anger or argument but dedicated hands. Women should dress modestly in a becoming manner not to draw attention to themselves by external things but to make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

The thing of primary importance is not expensive dresses and finery but a claim of godliness with a reverential fear for and devotion to God.

Women should listen quietly and submissively. Do not let women teach men or have authority over them. It was the woman who was deceived by Satan.

Women converts included the pagan temple prostitutes who did so in order to serve their god. This could not be brought into the church of Christ because adultery is forbidden. Therefore, it was in order that women listen and learn the ways of God in this generation so that pagan ideas not become a part of the church.

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LEADERS OF THE CHURCH

If someone wants to become an overseer which is the office of elder, pastor, or minister, he has set his heart on and desires an honorable responsibility. To be qualified to do this, the elder must meet the

following criteria.

(1) He must be a man whose life and reputation cannot be spoken against.

(2) He must be faithful to his wife and married to only one wife.

(3) He must be orderly, disciplined, and live wisely.

(4) He must enjoy having guests in his home and be able to teach

(5) He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent.

(6) He must be gentle, love peace, and not a lover of money.

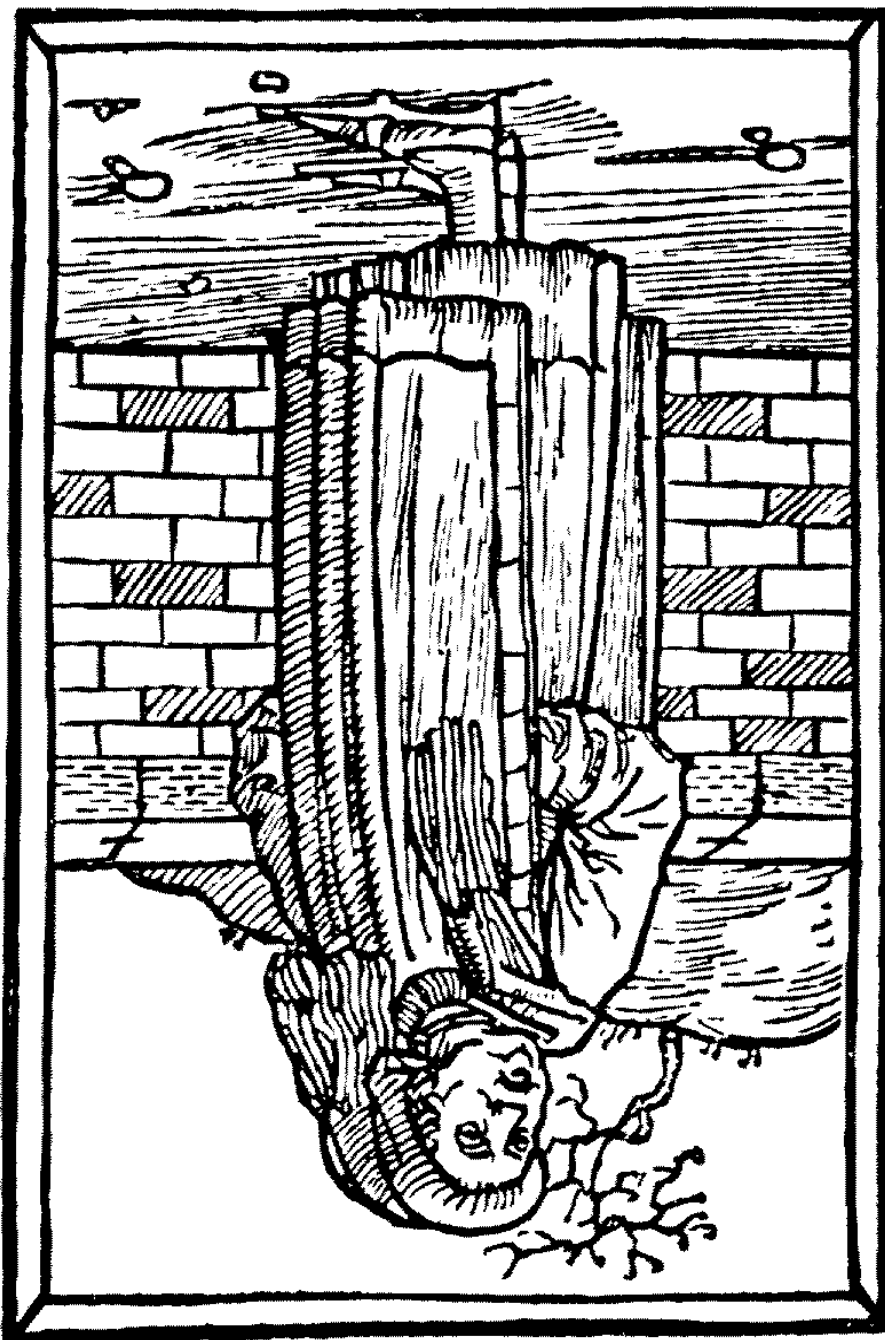
(7) He must manage his own family well with children respectful and obedient and thoroughly well behaved. If he cannot manage his house, how shall he take care of the church?

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chosen soon but first be built up in the most holy faith.

(9) He must be well spoken of by outsiders and bear good reputation with the non-Christian public, that he may not incur reproach and fall into the Devil's trap of disgrace and be entrapped by the slanderers.



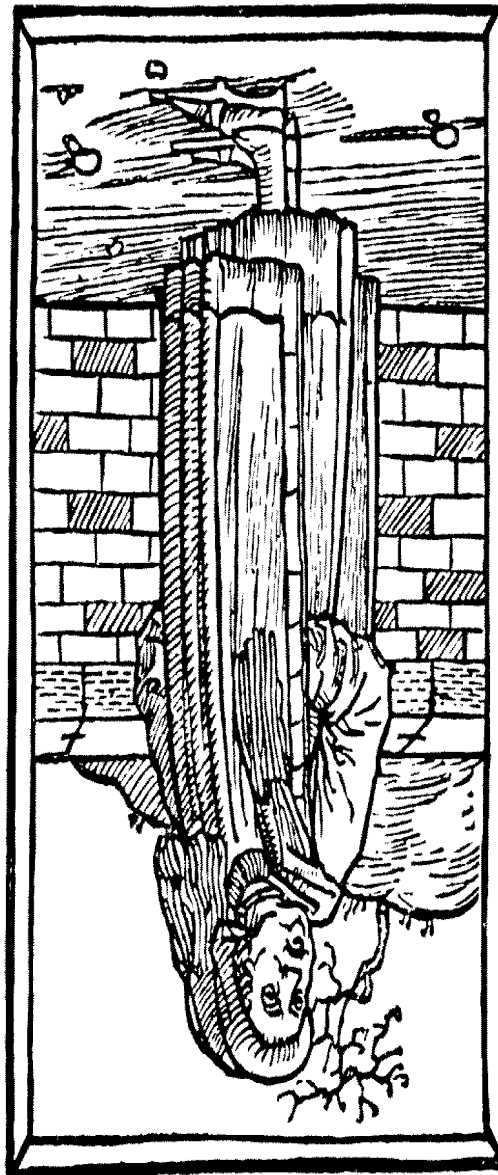


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In the same way, deacons must be worthy of respect. To be qualified to do this, the deacon must meet the following criteria:

- (1) They must be people whose life and reputation cannot be spoken against.
- (2) They must not be heavy drinkers and not addicted to alcoholic drinks, and must not be greedy for money or into questionable money making by resorting to ignoble and dishonest methods of getting it.
- (3) They must be committed to the revealed truths of the Christian faith and keep hold on them with a pure conscience.
- (4) Before they are appointed as deacons, they should be given other responsibilities in the church as a test of their character and ability. If they are found to be blameless, then let them serve as deacons.
- (5) They must be faithful to their spouse and married to only one and manage the children and household well.
- (6) Those who do well as deacons will be rewarded with respect from others and will have increased confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.

To the right you will see a translation that is just as correct from the original language as the kjv (3:11). Considering that the entire 3rd chapter is instructions to church pastors and deacons (and deaconesses).



Deacons who are Women!

In the same way, women deaconesses must be respected and must not speak evil of others. They must exercise self-control and be faithful in everything they do. To be qualified to do this, the deacon must meet the following criteria:

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Truth of the Faith and the Good Servant of Jesus

Understand that without question this is the great foundation and mainstay of the truth of our faith:

- (1) Christ (God) appeared in the flesh.
- (2) He was justified and given God's approval and shown to be righteous by the Spirit.
- (3) He was seen by angels and announced to the nations.
- (4) He was preached among the gentiles and was believed on in the world and was taken up into Heaven.

Point out these things to the brethren and you will be a good servant and minister, trained in the words of the faith and of the right teachings by which you have guided your lives. Reject fables of profane and doting teachers. Steer clear of all these stupid God-less fictions, legends and old-wives tales. But be training thyself unto godliness. Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit. Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is much more important for it promises a reward in both this life and the next. This being a true statement, everyone should accept it. This is the motive of our labor and struggling because our hope is Him who is the saviour of all mankind especially those who have accepted His salvation by believing in Him.

Dwell on these things when you teach and insist that everyone learn them. Let no one think little of you because you are young. Be an example of the

believers in love, faith, clean thoughts, conversation, and purity.

Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is within you which you received through the prophecies spoken to you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. Make these matters your business and your absorbing interest. Give them your whole attention so that your progress may be manifest to all men. Look well into yourself and keep a critical eye both upon your own life and on the teaching you give. Stick to your work for in doing so, God will save you and those who hear you.

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False Teachers to Come...

We are expressly and explicitly told by inspiration of the Holy Spirit that in latter times some shall fall away and some in the church will turn away and revolt from Christ and make use of hypocrisy of liars become lying hypocrites whose consciences are as dead as the devil's slaves. They will say that it is wrong to marry and wrong to eat meat which God has created to be partaken of with thankfulness for them which believe and have full knowledge of the truth. Every creature of God is good and nothing to be rejected if it is accepted with thanksgiving. We may receive it gladly with thankful hearts knowing it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.





Care of the Elderly in the Church

If anyone will not care for their own family, especially those living in the same household, they have disowned, repudiated, denied, and contradicted the teaching of the faith, and have no right to say they are a Christian. (5:8)

A GOOD SERVANT OF CHRIST JESUS

Never speak harshly to an older person but appeal to that person respectfully as though they were your own parent. Do not administer a sharp reprimand to a senior member of your church but plead with that person as you would with your own father.

In like manner deal with older women as you would with your own mother.

Talk to younger men as

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you do with your own brothers.

Treat the younger women with absolute purity and perfect propriety as your own sisters.

In summary, deal with others of the body of Christ as you would with your very own personal family and give them proper respect and do it with pure and holy thoughts. Do not allow worldly thoughts and attitudes to enter your mind and cause you to sin



against your brother or sister in Christ!

Guard your mind that you not let evil in but that you live and deal with men young and old and women young and old in a proper manner as becoming a believer.

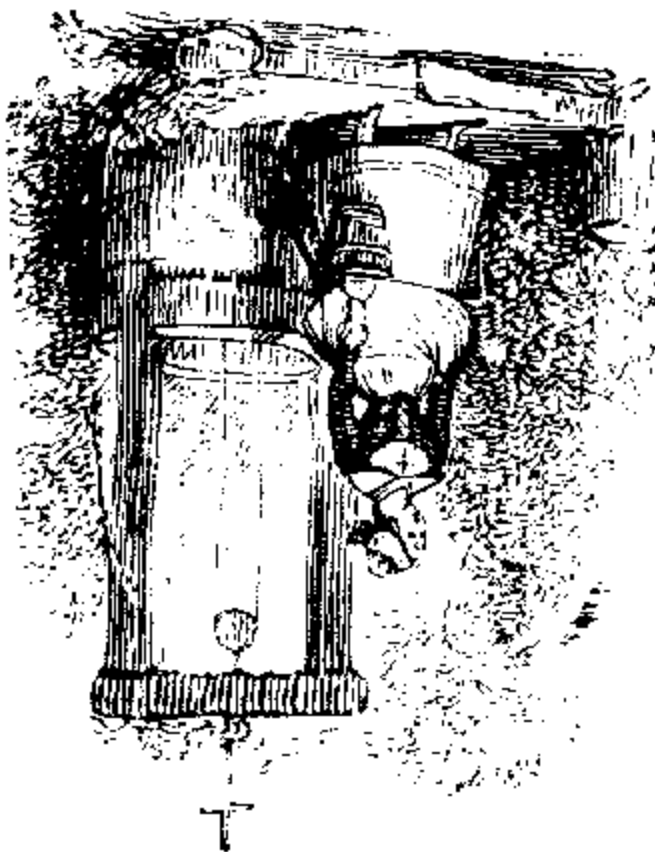
ADVICE ABOUT WIDOWS and the Responsibility of the Church

The church should care for any widow who has no one else to care for her, look after the widows who are really dependent, relieve widows who are really in need from the funds. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and take care of them. **This is something that pleases God very much.**

But a woman who is a true widow, one who is truly alone in this world, has her hope set on God, and devotes herself to prayers and entreaties but the widow who lives only for self-indulgent pleasure is dead though she still be alive. Press these facts upon them that they may be blameless and free from reproach.

But if any makes no provision for his own relations and specially his own household has denied and contradicted the faith and has no right to say he is a Christian and is worse than an unbeliever. All believers take care of their parents.

Help a woman who is a true widow and has



Requirements for being put on the list for support:

- (1) A woman must be at least 60 years old and was faithful to her husband.
- (2) She must be well respected and reported for the good that she has done, having brought up her children properly, who has entertained strangers of the brotherhood, willing to serve fellow Christians in menial ways, having relieved the afflicted ones, and interested herself in good works.
- (3) Exclude younger widows from the list because their physical desires overpower their devotion to Christ and they will want to remarry. It could be also that they would become lazy and spend their time gossiping from house to house getting into other people's business and saying things they shouldn't. I advise younger women to marry again, have children and take care of their own homes. Some of our sisters have already gone astray.
- (4) If a Christian woman has relatives who are widows, she must take care of them and not put the responsibility on the church so that it cannot care for widows who are truly alone.



You Ought to Drink a Little Wine

Rules of the some churches tell you to not drink any alcohol. Totally abstain. But 5:21 tells us do not drink only water but drink a little wine to eliminate frequent attacks of recurring ailments. Wine is not sin. Abuse of it is.

The sins of some are evident, conspicuous and notorious obviously bringing them to judgment in the case of others, their sins show up later.

Likewise also the good works of some are readily observed and, equally conspicuous and plain to see. There are others that won't be known until later but they cannot escape notice for ever.

If you judge the works of others not knowing all of the facts as God does, you are open to error in your judgment. Take care when you examine the fruits of others that you not rush to a false judgment. In the proper time God will make known many hidden things that should bear witness of a person and the life that they live.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF PASTORS & ELDERS

Elders who do their work well should be paid well. Especially those who do the work of both teaching and preaching. The scripture says "Do not keep an ox from eating as it treads out the grain." and in another place, "Those who work deserve their pay!"

Do not accept an accusation against a pastor except at the evidence of two or more witnesses to accuse him.

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Them that are guilty of sin, rebuke publicly in front of the whole church. I solemnly call upon you and command you in the sight of God and Christ Jesus to observe and carry out these things without preferring one before another never acting with partiality, all must be treated exactly the same. Never be in a hurry about choosing a pastor, neither participate in or share the blame for the sins of others. Do not accept the responsibility of the

sins of other people. Keep yourself clear of fault. Be chaste and keep your own hands clean.



CHRISTIANS WHO ARE SLAVES SHOULD ...

Christians who are slaves should give their masters full respect so that the name of God and his teaching will not be shamed. If your master is a believer, it is no reason to be disrespectful. You should work all the harder because you are helping another believer by your efforts. You must not take liberties because they are brethren.

The purpose of the good news is to bring people into relationship with God and to salvation.

Slavery was practiced at this time.

Women had the same status as an oxen.

The evils of government and of other wrong attitudes toward woman's rights were not addressed. God's purpose is to prepare people of faith for eternity with Him and some will have to endure persecution for a season but we must take the circumstances we have and live them to the glory of God and as an example to the nonbeliever of God's love.

The principle here is this: (1) The Bible does not demand political change in order to be a believer.

(2) The believer is to obey the laws of the land even if they are oppressive.

(3) The believer is not to do anything that would cast a bad reflection on the Gospel.

(4) Believers are given a situation in life and it is their responsibility to live it so that it

Believers do not revolt against the law of the land...

Be an example that glorifies God.

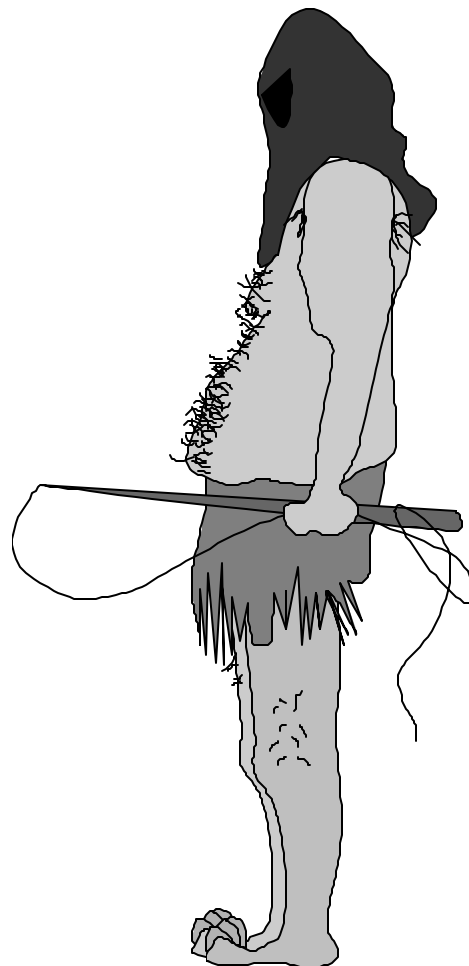
glorifies God.

(5) God is fully able to remove or to bring into power whoever He chooses to be in a leadership position of the country, state, or local government as well as the local church.

(6) A good Christian will show respect to the person that God has placed in leadership knowing that God is Sovereign and always right in His choice.

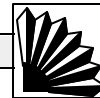
(7) Is slavery right? That isn't the question. The question is, will you be an example in the situation that God has placed you?

(8) Is there a place for the believer to break the law? One. Do not deny the Lord-



ship of Jesus Christ in your life.

(9) What if they treat me wrong? Endure today, eternity tomorrow!



FALSE TEACHING AND TRUE RICHES

Teach these truths and encourage everyone to obey them. False teachers will deny these things, but hold on to these sound wholesome healthful precepts and sayings which comes from our Lord Jesus Christ and they are the foundation of a Godly life.

Anyone who teaches anything else is proud, puffed up, blinded by pride and understands nothing as a conceited

ignoramus.

Such a person stirs up arguments ending in strife, envy, and evil suspicions. These people always cause trouble and speak lies. To them religion is just a way to get rich.

True religion with contentment is great wealth. Godliness is indeed great gain which is a sense of inward sufficiency.

Remember that you brought nothing into this world and it is certain that you can take nothing out of it when you die. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content and satisfied. People who want to be rich, fall into temptation and the devil's trap for them. Their foolish and harmful desires plunge them into destruction. The love of money is the root of all evil. The root of all vices is the love of money. Many seeking it have wandered from the faith and have been led astray from God and have been wounded with unnumbered sorrows and

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untold agonies of mind. Do not be seduced from your faith and pierced to the heart with many griefs but flee these things.



A word to the rich of this world

Impress on those who are rich in the present age, do not be proud and do not trust in their money which will soon be gone. But trust in the living God who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this, they will be storing up their

Trust in God, He is your source.

Use your money to do good.

Give to store up treasure.

treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold on real life

RUN FROM ALL THOSE EVIL THINGS

You belong to God; so run from all these evil things and follow what is right and good. Flee always from **evil. Pursue a Godly, righteous life with faith, love, uprightness, steadfastness, patience, and meekness. Fight the good fight of faith. Run the race of the Faith.** Fight the worthwhile battle. Lay hold on eternal life to which you were called and have professed a good profession and confessed a good confession so well before so many witnesses.

I command you before God who gives life to all and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before

Pontius Pilate, that you obey His commands with all purity. I solemnly charge you before God that you keep His commandment, precepts, commission and orders irreproachably without spot or fault or flaw until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ as He returns. At the right time He will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. He alone can never die and possesses immortality and lives in a light so brilliant that no man can approach Him. No one has ever seen Him nor ever will. To Him be honor and power eternal, forever.

