

<p>A</p>	<p><u>Honoring Widows</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Paul offers advice on how to relate to elders, young men, older women, and young women. One must speak “to younger women as sisters – with absolute purity”. What does this mean? • The teaching related to honouring widows connects the OT and NT. In the ancient world, it is estimated that 40% of the women between forty and fifty were widows. In this chapter, St. Paul focuses on how the Church should offer financial support to widows. 	<p>1Tim 5:1-16</p> <p>5:1-2, Col 4:9-12, Tb 8:4, SN 1, 2</p> <p>5:3-16, CCSS 108, Dt10:17-18, Ps 68:6, Lk 7:11-15, 1Cor 7:8-9</p>
<p>B</p>	<p><u>Honoring Elders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is reasonable for some individuals who labour in preaching and teaching to receive a salary because “the laborer deserves to be paid”. This verse is quoted from Lk 10:7. • Teachings related to the elders – It is unavoidable that in their pastoral ministry that they may need to stand firm against others; thus leading to objections and unrest, even revenge. “Never accept any accusation against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses”. However, those who lead may have indeed abused their authority. Therefore, the Church must take caution in dealing with such situations, “... rebuke them in the presence of all, ..., [judge] without prejudice, doing nothing on the basis of partiality”. 	<p>1Tim 5:17-25</p> <p>5:17-18, Dt 24:14-15, Songs 5:4, CCSS, CSB, 2Pet 3:15-16</p>
<p>C</p>	<p><u>Regarding Slaves, False Teachings, Living in Faith, Richness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NT either explicitly approves nor condemns the institution of slavery, but it proclaims the equality of all before God. Both slaves and masters must treat each other with respect. What does the Church teach today? • “Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness” – This supposes that Paul, Timothy, and the faithful of Ephesus have at their disposal oral and probably written sayings of Jesus. The person who “does not agree ... is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words”, and enjoy “dissension, slander, base 	<p>1Tim 6:1-21</p> <p>6:1-2, Ga 3:27-29, Col 3:22-25, 4:1 CCSS, CSB, SN 3 & 4, CCC 2414</p> <p>6:3-5, CCSS</p>

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<p>suspicious”. This is a common mistake seen in mass media and Christians who pride themselves in being knowledgeable. This blindness is rooted in our rejection of the grace of truth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Religion to be a means of gain” NAB – Religion can indeed enrich one. Those who attempt to profit from religion and “those who want to be rich” will fall into temptation and “plunge into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil”. • “Of course, there is a great gain in godliness combined with contentment” – godliness can truly result in “great gain”; it gives peace to one’s heart and frees one from the chains of desires so that one may live in the truth and true freedom. One must live in “contentment” to receive true joy and freedom. • “Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of eternal life” – One’s salvation relies on one’s perseverance throughout life; it does not come from faith alone. St. Paul often uses the metaphor of a race to discuss salvation. • Fighting the good fight of faith includes persevering in the “good confession in the presence of many witnesses”, that is, the confession at Baptism: “to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time”. • “... not to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment” – We should follow the example of God who is the richest of all; He shares everything of His with us so that we may also possess and rejoice. Therefore, we should “ be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life”. 	<p>2Pet 2:10</p> <p>6:6-10, CCSS, Job 1:21, Lk 11:3, 12:23, Mt 16:26</p> <p>6:6, CCSS</p> <p>Phil 3:7-8</p> <p>6:12, 1Cor 4:4, Phil 3:12, Heb 6:4-6, 1Cor 9:25, 1Pet 4:7</p> <p>6:12-14, CCSS, CSB</p> <p>6:17-19, CCSS</p>
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