

***Caring Relationships In the Church VI , Practical Exhortations: Spiritual Maturity
I Timothy 5:22-25***

- Review:** 1. Caring for elders... vs. 17-18
2. Receiving an accusation against an elder... vs. 19-20
3. Keep these rules without showing partiality... vs. 21

I. Don't be in a Hurry, vs. 22

A. Laying on hands means ordination...

B. Keep yourself "pure..."

C. Be Patient... Important and fundamental to the protection of the congregation, i.e. Acts 20:25-32

Lesson:

General Principles Observed

1. Don't be in a hurry, especially in the important matters of life... Proverbs 25:8; 20:21
2. Don't be in a hurry and act on your emotions...
3. Don't be in a hurry rather do the will of God...

Read the Word

Prayer

Seek wise counsel Proverbs 11:14; 24:6; 15:22; 12:15; 19:20

A Biblical Illustration: James 5:7-8

II. A Parenthetical Exhortation... vs. 23

A. This verse is not an excuse to abuse Christian liberty (the use of alcohol)

Ephesians 5:17-18; Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 14:21-22

B. Wine was used...

1. Two imperatives...

2. The Direction to moderation...

C. Sound Advice...

III. Live as Unto the Lord—in Light of His Judgment... vs. 24-25

A. The Reason emphasized to avoid Haste in Ordination...

B. Nothing gets past God... Numbers 32:23; Luke 12:1; Galatians 6:7

Lesson: "Let these men also first be tested..." I Timothy 3:10

General Principles Observed

1. Our first concern in everything should be the rule of God's judgment John 3:21; 2 Timothy 4:8
2. Our First responsibility in everything is to "live unto the Lord..." I Corinthians 4:4; 2 Corinthians 10:18 cf.

I Corinthians 3:13-15 with Galatians 1:10

Not unconcerned about the thoughts of others, Romans 12:17, however, the Lord's judgment is what counts...

Romans 14:10; I Peter 4:6; I Corinthians 1:12

Application: "Grow (mature) in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

Two vital signs of spiritual maturity are:

1. Be Patient Psalm 27:14; Ecclesiastes 7:8; Hebrews 12:1
2. Live in view of Jesus' soon return... I John 2:28; 3:19-21...