**Concerning Elders**

**Acts 20:17-38**

1. **The Position – Teach and Protect**

v20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have

taught you publicly, and from house to house,

v28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Also from the Pastorals:

Instruct, Command and Teach, give attention to reading, exortation to doctrine, command, command, commit, teach, remind, charge, correcting, preach, convince, rebuke, exhort, exhort, convict, rebuke sharply, speak, exhort, exhort, speak, exhort, rebuke.

Take head, guard, hold fast, be diligent, shun, avoid, be watchful.

1. **The Peril – Wolves and Perverse Men.**

v29 …savage wolves will come in among you…

v30 …men will rise up speaking perverse things…

Also form the Pastorals

1 Tim. 1:6 …some have strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers…

1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1 Tim. 6:21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith…

2 Tim. 2:17 ..their message will spread like cancer…

2 Tim. 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come…

2 Tim. 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women...

2 Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine…

Titus 1:10-11.there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers… who subvert whole houses,

Titus 3:10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject.

1. **The Power – God and the Word of His Grace**

v32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace…

Also from the Pastorals

1 Tim. 1:2 … Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Tim. 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God’’’.

1 Tim. 3:15 ‘’’ how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.  
1 Tim. 6:11 But you, O man of God…  
2 Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God…

1 Tim. 5:17 …those who labor in the word and doctrine…

1 Tim. 6:3 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;

2 Tim. 2:9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

2 Tim. 2:15 …rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Tim. 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Tim. 4:2 Preach the word….

Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught,…