

(4:13-16) Until I come, give your attention to the public reading, to exhortation, and teaching. Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was granted to you through words of prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to the teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Western Christianity
CC = Cultural Church
BC = Biblical Church

(CC) Relationships based upon _____ alone.
(BC) Relationships based upon _____ to Christ alone.

(5:1-2) Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, and to the younger men as brothers, to the older women as mothers, and to the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

(CC) Cares _____ people.
(BC) Cares _____ people _____.

(5:3-8) Honor widows who are actually widows; but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to show proper respect for their own family and to give back compensation to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. Now she who is actually a widow and has been left alone has set her hope on God, and she continues in requests and prayers night and day. But she who indulges herself in luxury is dead, even while she lives. Give these instructions as well, so that they may be above reproach. But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

(CC) People look to _____.
(BC) People _____ away.

(5:17-18) The elders who lead well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox while it is threshing," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

(CC) Leaders and congregants are accountable to _____.
(BC) Leaders and congregants are accountable to _____
_____ under the authority of Christ and His Word.

(5:19-20) Do not accept an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.

(CC) Look to a _____ of people.
(BC) Look to _____ in people.

(5:21) I solemnly exhort you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.

(CC) The _____ lead.
(BC) The _____ lead.

(5:22-25) Do not lay hands upon anyone too quickly and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin. Do not go on drinking only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments. The sins of some people are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their sins follow after. Likewise also, deeds that are good are quite evident, and those which are otherwise cannot be concealed.

- ✓ Desire gifts.
- ✓ _____ root yourself in a biblical church.
- ✓ Develop by looking for opportunity to serve.
- ✓ Discern by fruitfulness in the body.
- ✓ Deploy by confirmation of church leadership.

1. Christ Jesus is the Word we _____.
(John 1:14) (Colossians 3:16)
2. Christ Jesus is the Head of the family we _____.
(Colossians 1:18) (Ephesians 5:23)
3. Christ Jesus is the Truth we _____.
(John 15:8-9)