

THE 400

Week 5

PSA 34:9-14 Oh, *fear the Lord*, you His saints!

There is no want to those who fear Him.

¹⁰ The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good *thing*.

¹¹ Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² *Who is the man who desires life,*
And loves *many* days, that he may see good?

¹³ *Keep your tongue from evil,*
And your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴ Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it.

VS 13

EVIL... wicked, no good, i.e., *pertaining to that which is not morally pure or good* according to a proper standard, *implying this evil hinders or severs a relationship to a person* or principle which is proper; 2. LN 65.20–65.29

bad, poor, no good, i.e., pertaining to that which has *undesireable features* in an object, and *so have lesser or no value* (Lev 27:10ab); 3. LN 20.12–20.30 **fierce**, wild, harmful, i.e., *pertaining to that which can harm or injure an object*

David taught the 400 that one of the great keys was to keep from speaking evil, keep from speaking about peoples undesirable features and thus producer a sense of lesser or no value in the eyes of others.

1 Sam 15:23 For *rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft*,
And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,
He also has rejected you from *being* king.”

God SAYS rebellion is as witchcraft. Rebellion is ultimately the rejection of rightful authority. Whether directly God’s authority and His word or the authority God has given man.

Mat 12:25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them:
“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or *house divided against itself will not stand.*

Satan’s Goal is always to divide us from God and each other.

THE PROCESS OF REBELLION..
EVE in the GARDEN....

GEN 3:1-6 Now *the serpent was more cunning* than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, **“Has God indeed said,** ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, **‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’**”

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, **“You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows... (God has not been completely honest with you, He is holding out on you, You can’t fully trust His MOTIVES and ACTIONS)...** that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

WITCHCRAFT IS RELEASED **THROUGH WORDS**

Pro 18:21a *Death and life are in the power of the tongue,*

Satans Strategy is to Get us to CURSE, CRITICIZE, SLANDER, and ASSAULT with WORDS each other.

As Christians, God has given us power in our words.

Mat 12:36-37 But I say to you that *for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.*
³⁷ *For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

YOU WORDS ARE SPIRIT.

JOHN 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. *The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

THE SPIRIT OF WITCHCRAFT TRIES TO GET CHRISTIANS TO COME INTO AGREEMENT WITH IT AND RELEASE EVIL, THROUGH SLANDER, GOSSIP, AND BACKBITING, ESPECIALLY AGAINST FELLOW BELIEVERS

Num 13:27- 14:11 Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit. **{FEAR}** *Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”*

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, **{FEAR}** *“We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger*

than we.” ³² And they gave the children of Israel a **bad {DEFAMING/EVIL REPORT}** report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature. ³³ There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); *and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”*

When FEAR is your FILTER, You become Spiritually blind and you WILL REBEL!!!!

14 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. ² ***And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron,*** and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” ⁴ So they said to one another, ***“Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.”***

When God’s people are afraid they will always look to replace GOD’S appointed leaders.. They will try to find somebody to appease their fears and fulfill their desires.

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

⁶ But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, tore their

clothes; ⁷ and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ ⁹ *Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land*, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord *is* with us. Do not fear them.”... ¹¹ *Then the Lord said to Moses: “How long will these people reject Me?* And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?

Witchcraft wants you to question and doubt what God has said. It releases FEAR so that you will murmur and complain. It's design is to separate you from God, His leaders, and His people.

Their WORDS released DEATH. Their WORDS released a spirit of rebellion. The Children of Israel in a few moments turned against God's appointed leadership and thus GOD, because of the EVIL WORDS of a few.

TRANSFERENCE of SPIRIT
THE SPIRIT OF WITCHCRAFT

***FEAR OF THE PEOPLE CAN CAUSE GOD'S
APPOINTED LEADERS TO COME UNDER
THE INFLUENCE OF A SPIRIT OF
WITCHCRAFT.***

KING SAUL

1 SAM 13:11-13 And Samuel said, *“What have you done?”*

Saul said, *“When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash,¹² then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering.”*

¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, *“You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you.* For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

1 SAM 15:20-23 And Saul said to Samuel, *“But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord,... {MOST OF THE TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF WITCHCRAFT THEY STILL BELIEVE THEY ARE OBEYING GOD}... and gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.²¹ But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which*

should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

²² So Samuel said:

“Has the Lord *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,

As in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed than the fat of rams.

²³ ***For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,***

And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord,

He also has rejected you from *being* king.”

PRO 21:23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue **{WORDS}**
Keeps his soul from troubles.

PSA 34:12-13 ***Who is the man who desires life,*** And loves *many* days, that he may see good? ***Keep your tongue from evil,***
And your lips from speaking deceit.

DAVID IS OUR ULTIMATE EXAMPLE OF HOW TO DEAL WITH ADVERSITY WITHIN THE CHURCH

1 Sam 24:2-20 So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there *was* a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David

and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.)⁴ *Then the men of David said to him, “This is the day of which the Lord said to you, ‘Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.’ ” And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.*⁵ Now it happened afterward that David’s heart troubled him because he had cut Saul’s robe.⁶ And he said to his men, *“The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.”*⁷ **So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul.** And Saul got up from the cave and went on *his* way.

⁸ David also arose afterward, went out of the cave, and called out to Saul, saying, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, *David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed down. {DAVIDS amazing Humility}*⁹ And David said to Saul: “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, ‘Indeed David seeks your harm’?”¹⁰ Look, this day your eyes have seen that the Lord delivered you today into my hand in the cave, *and someone urged me to kill you.* But *my eye* spared you, and I said, *‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord’s anointed.’*¹¹ Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and *see that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you.*

Yet you hunt my life to take it. ¹² Let the Lord judge between you and me, and let the Lord avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you. ¹³ As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.’ But my hand shall not be against you. ¹⁴ After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea? ¹⁵ ***Therefore let the Lord be judge, and judge between you and me, and see and plead my case, and deliver me out of your hand.***”

¹⁶ So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷ Then he said to David: ***“You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil.*** ¹⁸ And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the Lord delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. ¹⁹ For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely? Therefore may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. ²⁰ ***And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.***

David left ALL Judgement in the hands of God.

Mat 7:1-5 ***Judge not, that you be not judged.*** ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; ***and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*** ³ And why do you

look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? ⁵ ***Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.***

Rom 1:28-32 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, ***God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;*** ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, ***strife***, deceit, evil-mindedness; ***they are whisperers, backbiters***, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Rom 14:4 ***Who are you to judge another's servant?*** To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

James 4:11-12 ***Do not speak evil of one another***, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. ***But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.*** ¹² There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. ***Who are you to judge another?***

1 Pet 2:1-3 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, **and all evil speaking,** ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

James 5:9 amp *Do not complain, brethren, against one another,* so that you [yourselves] may not be judged. Look! The Judge is [already] standing at the very door.

Eph 4:29-32 amp Let no foul *or* polluting language, *nor* evil word *nor* unwholesome *or* worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, **but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others,** as is fitting to the need *and* the occasion, that it may be a blessing *and* give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it. 30 **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God** [do not offend or vex or sadden Him], by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin). 31 Let all bitterness and indignation *and* wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) **and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind).** 32 **And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you.**

Mar 7:21-23 amp For from within, [that is] *out of the hearts of men*, come base *and* wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery,

22 Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous *and* destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained (indecent) conduct; an evil eye (envy), *slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness)*, pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness).

23 *All these evil [purposes and desires] come from within, and they make the man unclean and render him unhallowed.*

These things proceed out of our hearts because of unfulfilled desires that we have.

James 4:1-12 amp *WHAT LEADS to strife* (discord and feuds) *and* how do conflicts (quarrels and fightings) originate among you? *Do they not arise from your sensual desires that are ever warring in your bodily members?*

2 **You are jealous and covet [what others have] and your desires go unfulfilled;** [so] you become murderers. [To hate is to murder as far as your hearts are concerned.] *You burn with envy and anger and are not able to obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness that you seek], so you fight and war.* You do not have, because you do not ask. [I John 3:15.]

3 [Or] you do ask [God for them] and yet fail to receive, because you ask with wrong purpose and evil, selfish motives. Your intention is [when you get what you desire] to spend it in sensual pleasures.

4 You [are like] unfaithful wives *[having illicit love affairs with the world and breaking your marriage vow to God]*! Do you not know that being the world's friend is being God's enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world takes his stand as an enemy of God.

5 Or do you suppose that the Scripture is speaking to no purpose that says, The Spirit Whom He has caused to dwell in us yearns over us *and* He yearns for the Spirit [to be welcome] with a jealous love? [Jer. 3:14; Hos. 2:19ff.]

6 *But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully).* That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it). [Prov. 3:34.]

7 So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.

8 Come close to God and He will come close to you. [Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; **realize that you have been disloyal] wavering individuals with divided interests,** and purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery].

9 [As you draw near to God] be deeply penitent and grieve, even weep [over your disloyalty]. Let your laughter be turned to grief and your mirth to dejection *and* heartfelt shame [for your sins].

10 Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant].

11 *[My] brethren, do not speak evil about or accuse one another. He that maligns a brother or judges his brother is*

maligning and criticizing the Law and judging the Law. But if you judge the Law, you are not a practitioner of the Law but a censor *and* judge [of it].

12 One only is the Lawgiver *and* Judge Who is able to save and to destroy [the One Who has the absolute power of life and death]. *[But you] who are you that [you presume to] pass judgment on your neighbor?*

The Spirit of Witchcraft seeks destruction. Satan can't destroy the church from without so He must do it from within.

Pro 11:9-13 *The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor,* But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.¹⁰ When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, *there is* jubilation.

¹¹ **By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted,**

But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. He who is devoid of wisdom *despises* his neighbor....**{to talk or write about (someone or something) in a very critical or insulting way}**...., *But a man of understanding holds his peace. A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.*

Pro 18:19-21 *A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city,* And *contentions are like the bars of a castle.*

²⁰ A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; *From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.*

²¹ ***Death and life are in the power of the tongue,***
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Psa 15:1-4 NLV *Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?*

Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

² Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right,
speaking the truth from sincere hearts.

³ ***Those who refuse to gossip***
or harm their neighbors
or speak evil of their friends.

⁴ Those who despise flagrant sinners,
and honor the faithful followers of the Lord,
and keep their promises even when it hurts.

Lev 19:16-18 NLV “***Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people.*** “Do not stand idly by when your neighbor’s life is threatened. I am the Lord. “Do not nurse hatred in your heart for any of your relatives.*
Confront people directly so you will not be held guilty for their sin. “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Psa 109:1-5 Do not keep silent,
O God of my praise!

² ***For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful
Have opened against me;
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.***

- 3 *They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,
And fought against me without a cause.*
- 4 *In return for my love they are my accusers,
But I give myself to prayer.*
- 5 *Thus they have rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.*

DONT LISTEN

*Give NO place for Slander, Gossip, and
Evil speaking*

- Pro 6:16-19** These six *things* the Lord hates,
Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him:
- 17 A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
- 19 *A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.*

Pro 17:4 *An evildoer gives heed to false lips;
A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.*

Psa 101:5 *Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,
Him I will destroy;* (Silence—- Cut Off)

Rom 16:17-18 amp I appeal to you, brethren, to *be on your guard concerning those who create dissensions and difficulties and cause divisions*, in opposition to the doctrine (the teaching) which you have been taught. *[I warn you to turn aside from them, to] avoid them.*

18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites *and* base desires, and by ingratiating and flattering speech, *they beguile the hearts of the unsuspecting and simpleminded [people].*

1 Cor 1:10-11 Now *I plead with you*, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *that you all speak the same thing*, and *that* there be no divisions among you, *but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

1 Cor 3:1-3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ *for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?*

Titus 3:10 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. ¹⁰ *Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, ¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.*

WITCHCRAFT BEGINS WITH SLANDER..... AN ACCUSATION

SATAN IS THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN.

Rev 12:10-11 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ *have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night*, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they *did not love their lives to the death.*

Build a MERCY SEAT.

Exo 25:21-22 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. ²² And *there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat*, from between the two cherubim which *are* on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

RADICAL MERCY

Mat 5:7 *Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.*

Mar 11:25-26 ²⁵ “And whenever you stand praying, *if you have anything against anyone, forgive him*, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But *if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.*”

Col 3:13-15 amp Be gentle *and* forbearing with one another and, *if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other*; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, *so must you also [forgive]*. And above all these *[put on] love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness [which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony]*. And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts *[deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state]* to which as [members of Christ’s] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].

Eph 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² *with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love*, ³ *endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

EXTRAVAGANT HONOR...

You cannot be in Judgment with what you are HONORING.

Mat 15:4 For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’

Curses = *to speak ill of*:—speak evil(1), speaking evil(1), speaks evil(2).

Rom 12:9-21 *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.* ¹⁰ ***Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another***; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

¹⁴ ***Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.***
¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ ***Be of the same mind toward one another.*** Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. ***Do not be wise in your own opinion.***

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, ***live peaceably with all men.*** ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*” says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore

*“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”*

²¹ *Do not be overcome by evil, {WitchCraft} but overcome evil {WitchCraft} with good.*

1Cor 12:20-26 But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, **“I have no need of you”**; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² No, much rather, **those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.** ²³ And those *members* of the body **which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor;** and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, ***having given greater honor to that part which lacks it,*** ²⁵ **that there should be no schism in the body,** but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; **or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.**

1 Tim 5:17-19 Let the elders who rule well be ***counted worthy of double honor,*** especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, ***“You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,”*** and, ***“The laborer is worthy of his wages.”*** ¹⁹ ***Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.***

1 Pet 2:15-17 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—¹⁶ as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of

God. ¹⁷ *Honor all people.* Love the brotherhood. Fear God.
Honor the king.