

# Some Men's Sins

## 1 Timothy 5.20-25

### 1 Timothy 5:20

Referring to elders ... spiritual leadership.

Because of public position—offense is public

Public rebuke!

**Rebuke:** confront strongly ...bring to place of conviction, repentance, and confession.

James 3:1

*Masters:* teachers, instructors, purveyors of truth.

*Condemnation:* judgment, decision as in court of law.

**that others also may fear.** take a warning

### 1 Timothy 5:21

**Charge:** testify earnestly, order, adjure.

**Elect Angels:** those who did not sin Jude 6

- Choristers of Heaven
- Defend us
- Spectators--accompany Christ at final judgment
- Minister to us
- Symbols of obedience.

**Observe these things:** do them. Guard, keep

**Without preferring one before another:** making pre-judgment. Showing prejudice;

*Uninfluenced by any sinful subjective consideration guided only by the objective standards of truth from God.*

**Doing nothing by partiality:** leaning forward toward accused or accuser.

Showing favoritism

### 1 Timothy 5:22

**Lay hands:** ordain men to elder position.

1. Identification
2. Certification:
3. Fellowship:

Sequence of Thought

1. Don't be quick to believe an accusation
2. If true, rebuke him before all.
3. Don't be partial
4. Don't' ordain a man without proper credentials
5. If do, realize you have put your approval on his sins.

**Neither be partaker of other men's sins.** Ordain a man with questionable character--condoning his sin.

**Keep yourself pure:** chaste, upright, honorable, moral:

Timothy--stomach problems and other types of illnesses

## 1 Timothy 5:23

Timothy: conscientious.

Water unsafe.

**Use a little wine....** medicine, dietetic, hygienic substance;

**Little:** micros—little portion

Used as medicine for weak and sickly

Wuest: *Wine was one of the chief remedial agents of these times in which the science of medicine was in its infancy among Greek physicians.*

Wine not always refer to alcoholic beverage.

1. Non-fermented grape juice.
2. Fermented—alcoholic
3. Grape Juice
4. Jelly

Uncertain--when become fermented.

Proverbs 23:31-35 Proverbs 20:1 Ephesians 5:18

Alcoholic beverage --direct opposition to filling of Spirit.

1 Tim 3:3 Bishop not given to wine.

**Given:** not beside...staying near.

Deacons: 1 Tim 3:8 not given to much wine.

## 1 Timothy 5:24

Choosing proper leadership

**Open beforehand, going before to judgment.** Clearly evident, conspicuous, obvious

Openly manifest to all eyes.

**Going before to judgment.** Like heralds who proclaim in advance the unfitness of such sinful men.

Verdict already known!

**And some men they follow after:** after research done-- found unfit for service.

## 1 Timothy 5:25

Some cases--obvious to all this person is qualified

**and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.** Will surface.

Paul to Timothy—don't worry!

Take time!

Be thorough.

A man's sin will always surface

*If you'll show caution and not be hasty in ordaining men to office...Ephesus will have good elders.*

Truth will always surface.

## I. Sin

Numbers 32:23 ... *and be sure your sin will find you out.*

Mt. Hen: *Sin will, without a doubt, find out the sinner sooner or later. It concerns us, therefore, to find our sins out, that we may repent of them and forsake them, lest our sins find us out to our ruin and confusion.*

Galatians 6:7-8 Proverbs 22:8

Judgment Seat of Christ: 2 Corinthians 5:10-11

Proverbs 8:13

## **II. Good Works**

God notices everything we do for Him and eventually catches up with us.

Psalm 126:5-6 Hosea 10:12 Galatians 6:9-10

## **So what?**

1. **Fact: God sees everything Proverbs 15:3**

2. **Sin will always be manifest. 1 Timothy 5:24**

3. **Righteous deeds will also be manifest. 1 Timothy 5:25**

**1 John 1:9** *<sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Jeremiah 17:9 Romans 10:9-10