

them say, "Oh, this is just a young fellow, Timothy here. Some men here old in the faith - we say different" and he says, "No, you have an authority. Exercise it." Then in Chapter ~~IX~~ 5:1 he says, "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father, the younger men as brethren." Well, the implication certainly is that he has the right, he has the authority to rebuke but that he is to do it in a tone of friendliness. (6.75) But he is to command and teach, he is to present the truth but he is to do it in a way to win approval instead of driving them away - "Rebuke not an elder" and Verses 19 and 22 of this same chapter, "Against an elder receive not an accusation but before two or three witnesses." "Don't you listen to all these people whispering about these elders - this one his prayers are too long-winded and this one his sermons aren't edifying, this one makes all these foolish mistakes. Don't listen to a lot of whispering about them but before two or three witnesses." In other words he has an authority to listen to accusations before witnesses and he continues, "Them that sin rebuke before all that others also may fear." Now if your going to take just a verse out of context somebody will say, "5:1 says rebuke not an elder, therefore Timothy is never to rebuke any elders. But it says over here in Verse 20, 'Rebuke before all them that sin' and Verse 19 said, "Against an elder receive not an accusation but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all that others also may fear.'" In other words Timothy has authority and when it says "Rebuke not an elder" it means deal with your authority tactfully and (8.) Try to win him with a pleasant presentation but if it comes to where it is necessary, Timothy, though he is young has the authority to examine accusations against elders and to rebuke before all, those that sin. He continues, "I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that thou observe X these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality." You are to use principles of qualifications. In examining situations you are not to be partial to individuals because they've been good to you. "Lay hands suddenly on no man." He had the authority to ordain elders to establish officers to rebuke sinners. The authority of Timothy here is pretty hard to deny if we accept I Timothy as an inspired book of God's Word. Then Titus ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1:5, "For this cause I left thee in Crete that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders in every city as I have appointed thee." And Titus 2:15, "these things speak and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." So here were men who came in from the outside, who visited various