

WE ARE FAMILY

I. Rebuke

A. Older men [presbyteros]

- 1. Not "Elders"

Referred to "Elders" later (1 Timothy 5:17-25)

- 2. Not sharply

- a. Great patience (2 Timothy 4:2)

- b. As a father

- c. Respectfully

- 3. Appeal [parakaleō]

Exhort, comfort, instruct, encourage, advocate.

B. Younger men

- 1. Appeal

"Ditto"

- 2. As a brother

- 3. Not as formal (Proverbs 27:17)

C. Older women

- 1. Appeal

"Ditto"

- 2. As a mother

- 3. Tenderly

D. Younger women

- 1. Appeal

"Ditto"

- 2. As a sister

- 3. In all purity (1 Timothy 4:12)

II. Relationship (Our church family)

A. Common Father

God (Mark 12:29b-30)

B. Eldest brother

Jesus (John 11:25; Acts 16:31)

C. The extended family

Us (1 John 3:14-18; John 13:35)

WARNINGS:

1. **Authoritarianism** - be teachable.
2. **Exclusivity** - we need each other.
3. **Greed** - discontent, more than we need.
4. **Rationalization** - don't lower the standard.
5. **Sensuality** - be careful with the opposite sex.
6. **Unaccountable** - you need to know you will be caught.

Do you know the people sitting next to you? How about the people in your row, in front of you or behind you? Those who are believers in Jesus are part of your faith family. Have meaningful interaction with them, be part of their lives and allow them to be part of yours.

Next week: 1 Timothy 5:3-16