

DEACON ORDINATION

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These charges I give thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and His elect angels:

- "...that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than Godly edifying which is in faith: so do (I Timothy 1:3-4)."
- "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophesies which went before on thee that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; Holding faith, and a good conscious; which some having put away, concerning faith have made shipwreck (I Timothy 1:18-19)."

- 3. "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honor widows that are widows indeed. But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless (I Timothy 5:1-7)."
- 4. "I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partakers of other men's sins: keep thyself pure (I Timothy 5:21-22)."
- 5. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many

- witnesses give thee charge in the sight of God, who
 quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus who
 before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession.
 That thou keep this commandment without spot,
 unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus
 Christ (I Timothy 6:6-14)."
- 6. "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, not trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy: That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate (I Timothy 6:17-18)."
- 7. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables (II Timothy 4:1-4)."

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