



Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5 v 8

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6 v 12

God's vision for His church

united | committed | protected

Sundays in May

'Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her' [Ephesians 5v25]

‘Protected’ in the church:

‘Protected’ in the church:

Depend upon one another

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 12 vs 23-25

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Romans 14 v 19

'Protected' in the church:

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Ensure leaders are accountable

The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint[a] elders in every town, ...

Titus 1 v 5

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5 vs 1-3

ELDERS

The elders of the church are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church, which is primarily teaching.



DEACONS

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Submit to godly authority

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1 Thessalonians 5 vs 12-13

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.

Galatians 6 v 1



Jesus first

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Others second

Jesus first

Others second

Yourself last