

Elders

³² Before the face of a hoary head you should rise up and you should respectfully value the face of an elder; and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.
Lev. 19^{JCR}

³¹ A crown of glory is a hoary head; in the way of righteousness it may be found. Prov. 16^{JCR}

⁶ The crown of elders is sons of sons, and the glory of sons is their fathers. Prov. 17^{JCR}

²⁹ The glory of young draftees is their strength, but the honor of elders is a hoary head.
Prov. 20^{JCR}

³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.
Prov. 31^{RSV}

¹ Do not rebuke an older man but exhort him as you would a father; treat younger men like brothers, ² older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity.

³ Honor widows who are real widows. ⁴ If a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn their religious duty to their own family and make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

⁷ Command this, so that they may be without reproach. ⁸ If any one does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his own family, he has disowned the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching; ¹⁸ for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." ¹⁹ Never admit any charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor participate in another man's sins; keep yourself pure. 1 Tim. 5^{RSV}