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Gospel Shaped Respect For Leaders

1 TIMOTHY 5:17 - 6:2



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Last Week

Family in the being of God:

God the Father

Jesus the Son

The Holy Spirit

Family life in the church:

- Samuel Senior



- Saint Joan



- Gloria Glitzy*

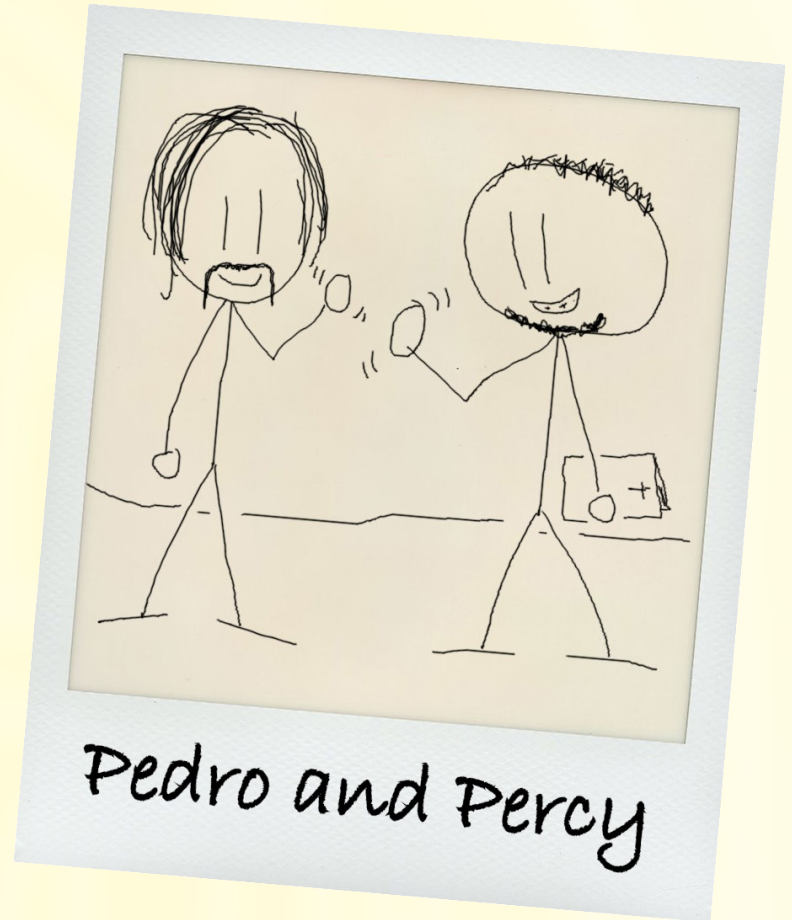


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*Lived for pleasure, and the fulfilment of her sensual desires

The Elders - (Presbuteros)

- Wisdom and experience
- Spiritually mature person
- Male
- Plural (ideally more than one)
- Worthy of double honour
- Work hard in teaching/preaching



“Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,”



Verifying the sin

Deuteronomy 19:15

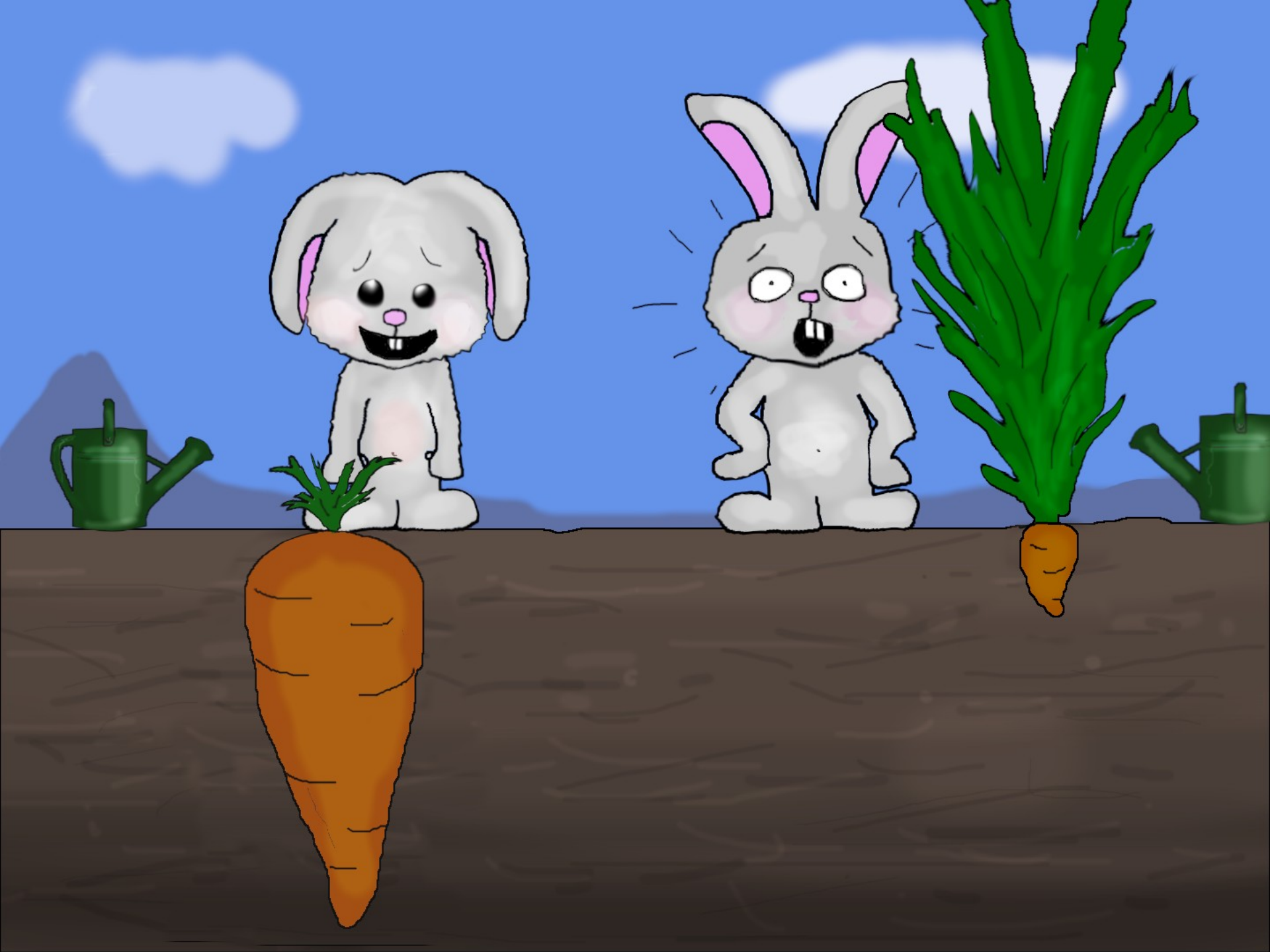
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A Balanced View

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"But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning. "

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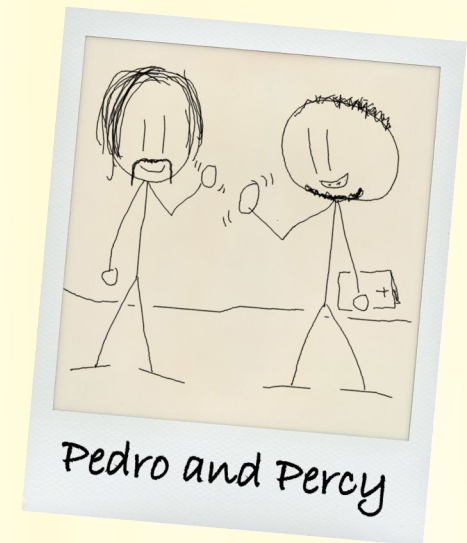
- Examples in 'rightdoing' and wrongdoing

For:

- Prevention in sin
- Reverence (respect) of God's Word

Requires:

- A 'balanced' view of our Elders



I (solemnly) charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without **partiality**, and to do nothing out of **favouritism**.

Prejudice -

Prejudgement

Favouritism -

Showing favour

Neither are an unbiased and fair analysis!

Establishing the truth of sin needs careful conversation and prayer



"Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure."

Don't be too quick to appoint elders/deacons
(But don't wait forever.. The church needs leaders)



Make sure you keep yourself pure by not establishing
corrupt leaders

Requires time and prayer!



"Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses."



- Take care of your body (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**)
- Use what God has given you in a God-honouring way
- Your health is important – for service and as an example to others

"The sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of judgement ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them."

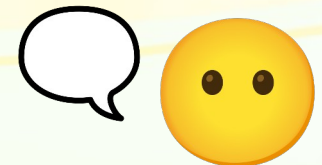
- Obvious sin = goes ahead of the person = **Leads them into judgement**
They still need care and conversation!
- Hidden sin = not obvious = **It turns up later..**
Potentially damaging to the church

Confessing our sins is important for the health of the church – and each other!

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

Look for hidden positive things too!



"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them."

Genesis 1:27

- All Christians are to be obedient to God's word (despite difficult circumstances, i.e. slavery)
- All people are made in the image of God
- Even the worst of sinners need to be shown God's love



- The leaders, the servants, and the bible all point you to one amazing person:

A Leader that never sinned

A Friend that forgives

A King that came to serve,

A Servant that died for his family

And a Master that conquered death

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, and the authority you can count on.

