

“ And when they had ordained them Elders in every Church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.” Acts xiv. 23.

“ Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the Bishops and Deacons.” Phil. i. 1.

“ And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the Church, and of the Apostles and Elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.” Acts xv. 4.

“ Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.” 1 Tim. v. 17.

“ Is any sick among you ? let him call for the Elders of the Church ; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James v. 14.

“ The Elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an Elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed : feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly ; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind ; neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.” 1 Peter v. 1-4.

“ Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God : whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.” Heb. xiii. 7.

“ And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you ; and to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake. And be at peace among yourselves.” 1 Thes. v. 12, 13.

“ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Church. And when they were come to him, he said to them, ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews : and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there : save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now,