

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

4 To serve as pastor one must be
Above reproach, beneath conceit,
A temp'rate man, a faithful spouse,
An able head of his own house;
In him the skill to teach is found,
And on his lips the doctrine sound.

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

5 Share all good things with him who serves;
The laborer his wage deserves.
Obey your leaders and submit
To what they teach from Holy Writ;
And be a joy to those who preach,
Who o'er your souls a watch must keep.

Of Civil Government

6 God has established government
To be His earthly instrument,
And given it authority
To exercise the penalty
For those who do not as they should,
And to praise those who do the good.

Of Citizens

7 To country lend your loyalty;
Obey all in authority,
And for them pray and intercede;
Your taxes pay, live peaceably.
To Caesar render what is just;
To God alone, your love and trust.

To Husbands

8 Be gentle men, affectionate;
The woman is more delicate;
Give honor, therefore, to your wife;
Love her, as Christ, with all your life;
You and she both of grace are heirs;
Continue steadfast in your prayers.

To Wives

9 With Sarah, hold your husbands high;
Be not afraid, do what is right;
To him alone yourself commit,
And to his loving lead submit;
Your duty is as to the Lord,
Who gives all wives this holy word.

To Parents

10 O father, mother, listen well,
And Scripture will the secret tell:
To keep them from a bitter heart,
Instruct your children from the start
In the Commandments and the Creed
And in the Prayer for ev'ry need.

To Children

11 What does the Holy Bible say?
Your parents honor and obey;
This is the first command for you,
The most important thing to do;
You children safe and sound will be!
God keeps His promise faithfully.

To Workers of All Kinds

12 Your supervisor is a lord;
Obey him as you would the Lord;
Do more for him than what you must;
Be true to him and earn his trust;
The good you do for him today,
The Lord tomorrow will repay.

To Employers and Supervisors

13 The same applies: Do not be stern,
But for your workers show concern;
As is the Lord, impartial be;
For good, use your authority;
While diff'rent duties here remain,
To Him on high we are the same.

To Youth

14 A special word to Christian youth,
The Word of God in timeless truth:
Look to your elders, learn from them;
Where you are now, have they not been?
That young and old may grace receive,
Let all put on humility.

To Widows

15 The widow all alone is left,
But not of hope and strength bereft;
The Lord becomes the widow's might;
To Him she prays both day and night;
She not for earthly pleasure lives,
But her life to the Bridegroom gives.