Keep Yourself Free from Sin

1 Timothy 5:21-25

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 - Unqualified people will cause damage and bring reproach upon the name of Christ.
 - We must not share in the sins of others.
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- C. It is likely that alcohol was even an issue in relation to elders & deacons – this is why Paul warned Timothy in relation to their qualifications.

D. This point is a digression from the discussion concerning elders in order to clarify the call to Timothy to keep himself free from sin.

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You Must Not Take Sin Lightly, Nor Must you Neglect Godliness