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 - We should be **cautious** when elders are accused.
- **Rebuke** unrepentant elders in the presence of all. (20-21)
 - We should rebuke as a witness to **truth**.
 - We should rebuke as a warning to **others**.
- **Appoint** each elder with great care. (22-25)
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