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PASSING THE TORCH

A Study in First Timothy

1 Timothy 5:17-22





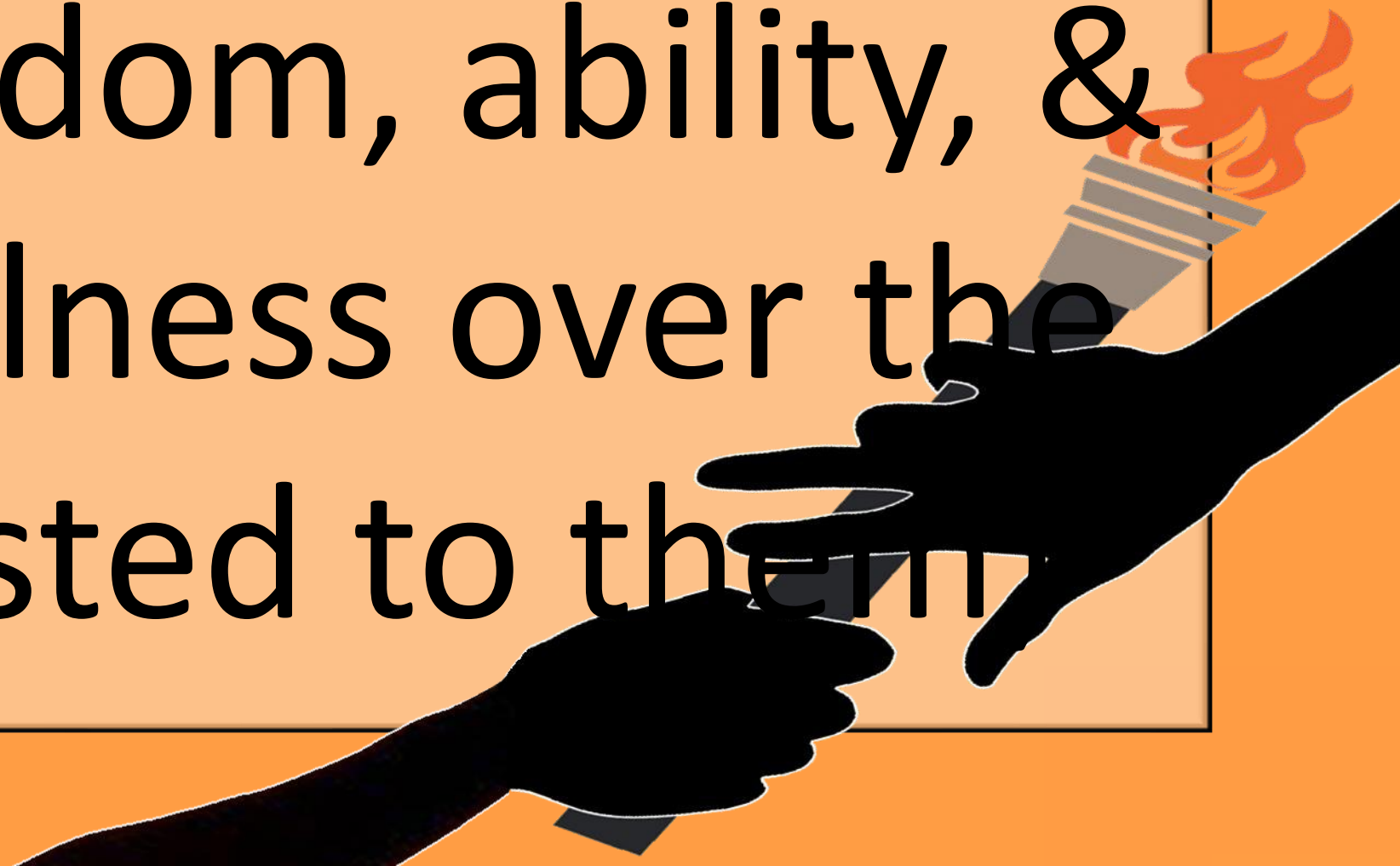
**KEEP YOURSELF
FREE FROM SIN**

I. Elders Who are Worthy

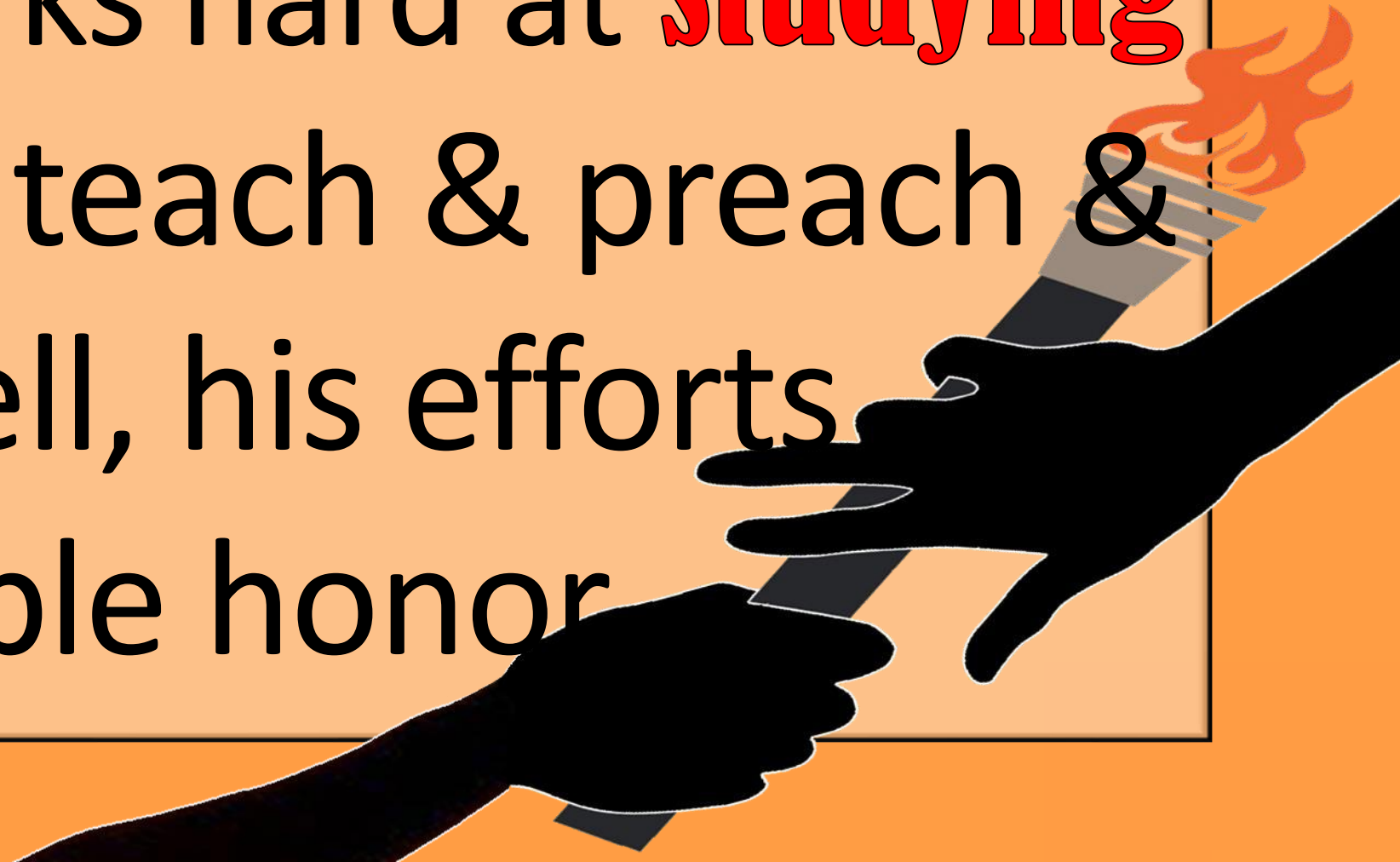
I Timothy 5:17



“The elders who **rule** well” =
literally means to **preside**
well (with wisdom, ability, &
loving faithfulness over the
flock entrusted to them

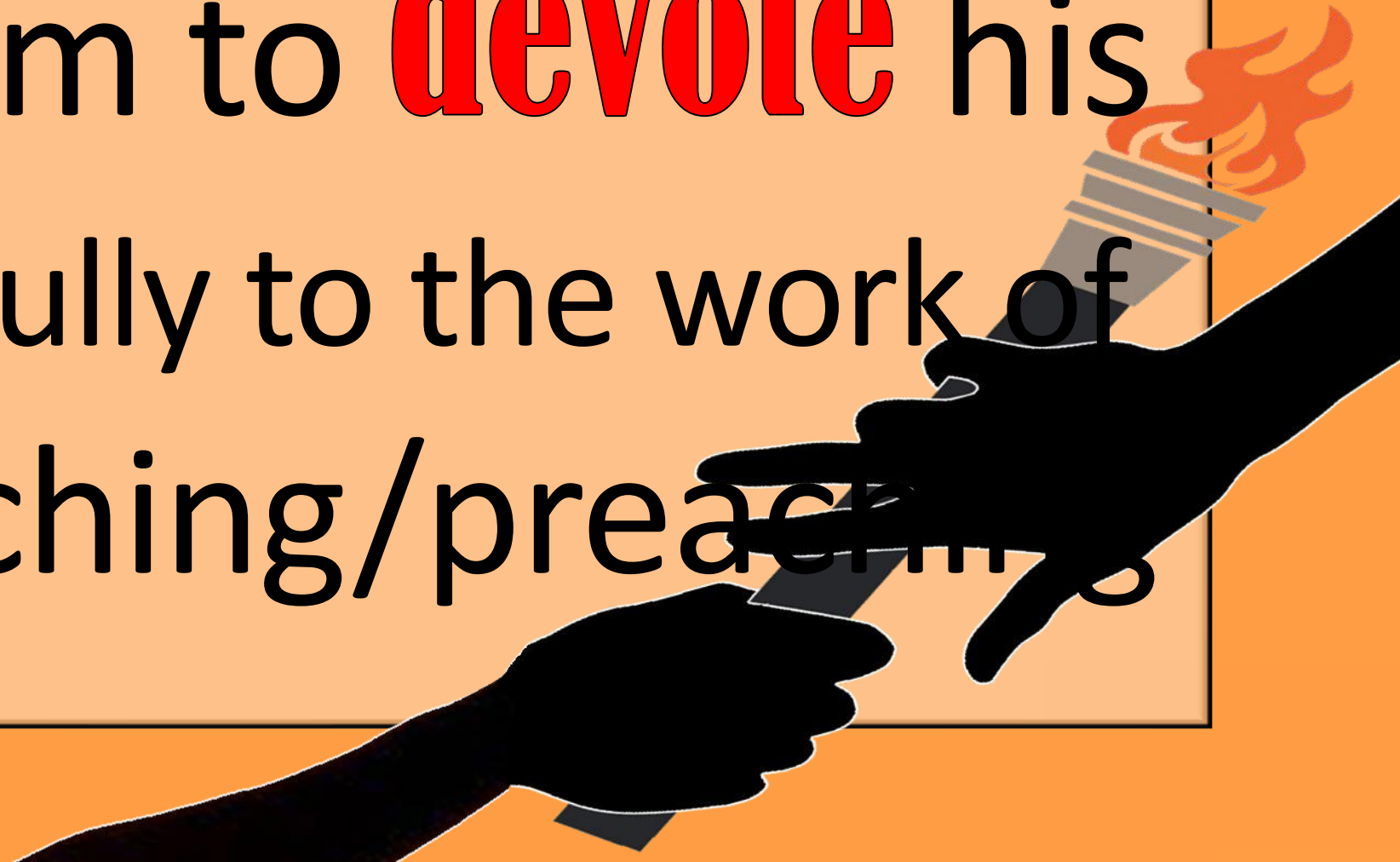


By the **nature** of the office,
an elder, is worthy of honor
But if an elder works hard at **studying**
the Scriptures to teach & preach &
he oversees well, his efforts
are worth a double honor



1 Timothy 5:18

Paying & taking care of an
elder allows him to **devote** his
time & energy fully to the work of
the Lord (teaching/preaching
etc.)



Paul moves from **honoring** an
elder to correctly **handling**
accusations against an elder

II. **Addressing Sin**

I Timothy 5:19-20



Deuteronomy 19:15-21

Matthew 18:15-20

Both address if a person is
perceived to be in the wrong
how we **corporately** are
to **handle** it



The heartbeat, the goal of
this confrontation, is
restoration!

Slanderos accusations can
do tremendous **damage** to
a person's reputation

An illustration of a hand holding a lit torch, positioned on the right side of the text. The hand is black, and the torch is grey with a flame. The background is orange.

NONE of us should rush to
judgment, but we also
SHOULDN'T **pretend** like
sin ISN'T a big deal



Multiple witnesses help to verify it's MORE than just a **personality clash** (that there's truly an issue that needs attention)



1 Timothy 5:20

Each of us should have a
healthy fear of SIN (it protects
us & helps us to avoid
SINNING
in our own lives)



III. Final Thoughts

I Timothy 5:21-22

I Timothy 5:22



In New Testament times **laying hands** upon someone was for

2 typical reasons:

1. The **Healing** of Someone

James 5:14-15

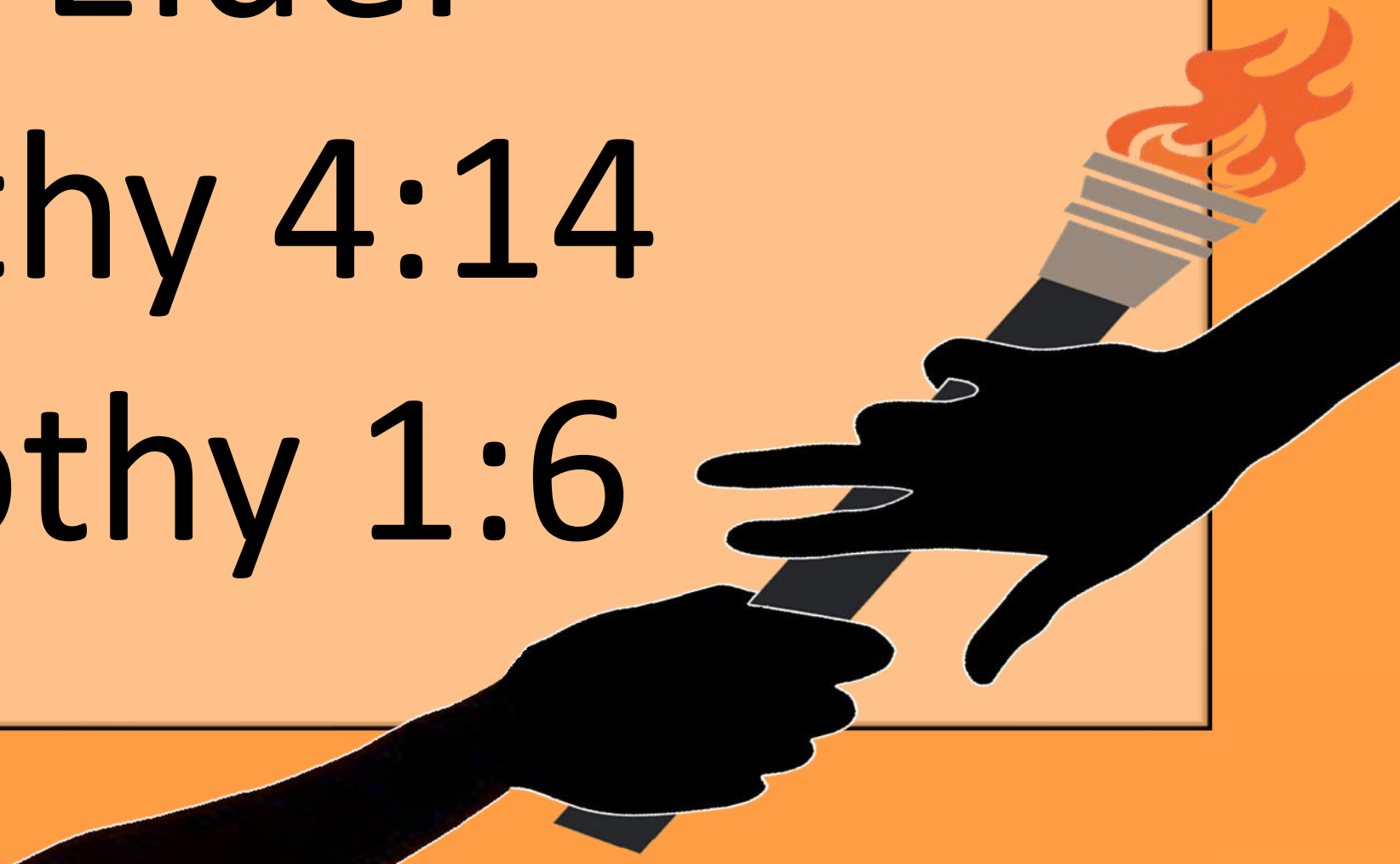


2. To **Verify** God's **Calling**

in an Elder

I Timothy 4:14

II Timothy 1:6



SO WHAT?

