

We are the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy

Concerns for the Leaders of God's Churches - 1Tim. 5:17-25

Introduction:

I. Honor of church leaders vss. 17-18

Elders: *presbuteros episkopos*

A. Double honor 1Thessalonians 5:12-13

B. Galatians 6:6 Share with those who teach you

v. 18 Deuteronomy 24:15 worker deserves his wages

Deuteronomy 25:4 don't muzzle the ox

I Corinthians 9:14

Luke 10:7

II. The disciplining of leaders vss. 19-21

A. Be careful in accusing an elder

a longstanding pattern Deut 19:15, 2Cor 13:1

B. Don't ignore or excuse the sinning elders

C. What if it is a hard to describe a matter, but something that makes it hard for me to listen to him, or to submit to his oversight?

1Peter 5:1-5 use this pattern to help me evaluate my shepherd...

III. Choosing right leaders vss. 22-25

A. Be careful, not hasty vs. 22

B. Cares for his physical well-being so as to better serve vs. 23

C. Unfit men for office of leadership vs. 24

D. Men who are fit for office of leadership/shepherding vs. 25

Application:

How artificial standards (legalistic tendencies) may develop—Must ask:

Does the given rule-making better lead believer to embrace Christ by faith?

Mr. Bound-Up Christian

Mr. Unbound Christian

We need to conclude always on watching our Savior! Philippians 3:7-9

1Timothy 5:17-25 ESV

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." ¹⁹ Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁰ As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. ²¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. ²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. ²³ No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments. ²⁴ The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. ²⁵ So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.