

**LIVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**  
Preventative Maintenance  
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1 Timothy 5:17- 25

**Introduction**

**Question**

When it comes to the church and our lives, do we sit back and wait for things to break or are there any **PREVENTATIVE MEASURES** we might take?

**Main Point**

If we want to avoid **COSTLY BREAKDOWNS** in the church and in our own lives, we should be faithful to perform good **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**.

**Maintenance Tip 1:** Work hard to keep things **RUNNING RIGHT**.

Remove the **MUZZLES**.

**Maintenance Tip 2:** Be quick to fix **SMALL THINGS** before they become **BIG THINGS**.

Beware **MECHANICAL** application.

Apply the **GALATIANS 6:1** principle.

Perform constant **SELF CHECKS**.

Use the right **APPROACH**.

Do I have all the **FACTS and NUANCES**?

Am I being **RESPECTFUL**?

Am I being **GENTLE**?

Am I being **PATIENT**?

Am I prepared to join their **JOURNEY**?

**Principle:** **APPEARANCES** can be deceptive.

**Summary**

As any homeowner can tell you, eventually things will break. It is inevitable. Sometimes they are small things, but there are times when we are unprepared for the unexpected cost of the big things. What about God's house? What about our lives? Is there anything we can do to mitigate the chances of an expensive and unexpected break down? Do we sit back and wait for things to break or are there any preventative measures we might take?