

Entrusted

A Study of 1st & 2nd Timothy

WEEK NINE

1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:17-25. Verse seventeen discusses elders who “rule well.” In your own words, what does it mean to lead a church well?
2. In 1 Timothy 5:17, what two things are specifically mentioned that elders should be constantly working hard at?
3. What things should elders who want to rule well do, according to Acts 20:28-29 and 1 Peter 5:1-4? What should they not do?
4. How does 1 Peter 5:5 call believers to respond to their elders?
5. What does 1 Timothy 5:17 say elders who rule well are worthy of, and what does 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 call us to do? What are practical ways to walk in obedience to these verses?
6. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper, and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g., bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

“But we request of you brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work...”

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:17-25. What is prohibited in Deuteronomy 25:4 and quoted in 1 Timothy 5:18? What does 1 Timothy 5:18 say the worker is worthy of?
2. What would be the inevitable result if an ox was not muzzled while threshing grain?
3. This same verse is quoted again in 1 Corinthians 9:9-14. What is Paul's point for workers of the gospel in using this illustration?
4. What directions did Jesus give to His disciples in Luke 10:3-9, and how does it support Paul's words in the verses above?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:17-25. What does verse nineteen require for receiving an accusation against an elder? Why do you think this is so?
2. Read Deuteronomy 19:16-20. Looking specifically at verse sixteen, what would having two to three witnesses prevent, and what would be done with this type of witness?
3. Why do you think God deals severely with a malicious witness? What harm would they do?
4. In cases where the elder is found to be in sin, what does 1 Timothy 5:20 instruct should be done?
5. What is the reason given for such a public rebuke?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:17-25. Who does verse twenty-one list as witnesses to the commands in these verses, and what should we avoid as we follow these verses?
2. How have you seen partiality or bias prevent proper church discipline? How is this harmful to maintaining the purity of the church as a whole?
3. In 2 Chronicles 19:6-7, on whose behalf do those in authority render judgments? What caution is issued in this verse? Why is partiality harmful to rendering a proper judgment?
4. What does 1 Timothy 5:22 instruct us not to do, and what happens if we don't heed this verse? What does this mean?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read 1 Timothy 5:17-25. What does Paul instruct Timothy to do in verse twenty-three, and for what reason?
2. 1 Timothy 5:24-25 continue to discuss the need for discernment in ensuring elders are qualified to serve. What does verse twenty-four say about those whose character is sinful?
3. These verses state that our character, whether good or bad, will eventually be revealed. Are there aspects of your life that are sinful that you hope to conceal? How does Numbers 32:23 challenge the idea that we can conceal sin?
4. Similarly, what does verse twenty-five say about those who walk in good deeds?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below: