

BOLD: Honor Your Leaders
1 Timothy 5:17-25

As the leadership goes, so goes the church!

MAIN POINT: **Honor your church leaders!**

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

1 Timothy 5:17-18 (NIV): ¹⁷The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸For Scripture says, “Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.”

double honor – honor & honorarium

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

2 Chronicles 31:4 (NIV): ⁴He ordered the people living in Jerusalem to give the portion due the priests and Levites so they could devote themselves to the Law of the LORD.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 25:4 (NIV): ⁴Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 10:7 (NIV): ⁷“Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages.”

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1 Timothy 5:19-21 (NIV): ¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning. ²¹ I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 19:15 (NIV): ¹⁵ One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV): ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

**Private sins should be dealt with privately
Public sins should be dealt with publicly.**

“partiality” = “apart from pre-judgment”

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1 Timothy 5:22-25 (NIV): ²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. ²³ Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

²⁴ The sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. ²⁵ In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not obvious cannot remain hidden forever.

MAIN POINT:

Honor your church leaders!

- 1. Show Respect**
- 2. Pay Fairly**
- 3. Hold Accountable**
- 4. Choose Wisely**