

Slow to the judgment seat

1 Timothy 5:19-25

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Correcting Authority 19-20

Read 1 Timothy 5:19-25 *Timothy was in a position that would force him to face rumors, gossip, and theoretical sinfulness in the lives of his leadership.*

In life, you would do well to learn to **question an accusation of corruption:**

Accusation: a charge of wrongdoing or guilt, to issue a verdict

As wrong as it is to make the accusation, it is as equally wrong to entertain it.

These six things the Lord hates...

Proverbs 6:19 A false witness *who speaks lies*, and one who sows discord (argumentative or accusations that create divisions) among brethren.

22b *nor share in other people's sins*

What if part of sowing (causing) division was receiving gossip?

Be water, not gas

How much of it would go away if you would extinguish the flame of divisiveness?

There is already an accuser of the brethren...

As wrong as it is to make the accusation, it is as equally wrong to entertain it.

Matthew 18

Not as much, DO NOT receive it as much as it is, be SLOW to receive it.

Dallas Jenkins

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In the video, Jenkins states, "I'm a conservative Evangelical. I believe in the inerrancy of Scripture. I believe in the supremacy of God's Word. I believe in the Holy Trinity. I believe in God the Father, the Son of God, the Holy Spirit, and believe that Jesus is the Son of God and all of the core tenets of Scripture."

Jenkins says the ultimate source of truth is the Bible, and while viewers of The Chosen will glean truths about Jesus from the show, he says their pastors should be the primary figures in helping Christians understand the Bible

- **What is your intent?** IF you are dealing with a wayward brother, a sinning saint, what is in your heart? The health and heart of the wrongdoer or the high and lofty stance you are taking as you look down your nose at someone?

No one gets special treatment...
but we should treat everyone as if they are special. They matter.

The game changer... You have to have 2 or 3 WITNESSES

Witnesses: one who was a spectator of the event. - "Hearsay"

A good rule of thumb; If you are not willing to say it in front of them, don't spread it around behind them.

Well... NOW WHAT? now you have a responsibility.

(20) Those who are sinning, rebuke in the presence of all (elders?) (Congregants?)

What this does **not** mean is that you walk someone up and blast him in front of the entire congregation.

To Rebuke: Stern and clear correction.

Let the circle of rebuke remain within the circle of sin.

Peter, get behind Me Satan – NOT Peter can we go aside and talk

Galatians 2:14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all...

Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, ***that the rest also may fear.***

Leader doubting that a kid meant his profession of faith.

Obstacles to Obedience

There are two obstacles that get in the way of us obeying the Lord through this passage.

Read vs. 21

Glasses with the wrong prescription

no prejudice: prejudgment, an opinion formed before the facts are known

Without previous judgment on account of rank, wealth, or personal friendship.

I have learned that when someone tells you their side of the story, you don't have one side of the story... you just know there is a story.

no partiality: joining a party... political realm... choosing sides.

I'm not on a side, I am under the rule of a mighty and benevolent King.

(Counseling... I am not on the husband's side or the wife's side... I am on the side of Jesus and your marriage.)

James 2:1-4

Lady justice has a scale in her hand and a blindfold over her eyes

(justice should be consistent and impartial - blind.)

FINAL THOUGHT (23-24)

Why not receive an accusation... why not be quick to judge... why not believe everything you hear. **Read vs. 23-24**

24-25 Be slow to judge!!!

Some things are obvious... some things are not!

- *Guy stumble out of his car with beer bottles falling out of the door... obvious.*
- *Some people help because they want a position, once it doesn't come they depart.*
- *Other people seem like they are in it for themselves and over time will prove you wrong.*

Some things are extremely clear... some things are not.

Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. – in the end, it will be sifted like wheat.

We don't judge but Scripture does.

JESUS! The progression from believer – zealous – judgmental

(will you camp there or come back to grace?)

Galatians 2:6 But from those who seemed to be something - whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; **God shows personal favoritism to no man** - for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.

Well... I'd be in Jesus club.

Luke 18:10-13 Man who beat his chest

No partiality... no matter what you have or have not done, Jesus is all in if you are.