

IN IT TO WIN IT

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22 NIV)

SUMMARY

Pastor Frank continued in our *In It to Win It* series with a teaching called “The Innerworkings of a Church that Works” from 1 Timothy 5:17-22. He helped unpack the duty the Church has for their elders’ care, compensation, and correction, along with some specific governing principles for the elders to have in place as they lead their flock.

APPLICATION

- 1. Caring, compensating and correcting your church elders (pastors/staff) [Vs. 17-20]**
 - Share examples, from your experience, of church leaders who have led well.
 - How has a well-led church helped you grow as an individual?
 - When was your heart moved from just being a spectator to being a participant in financially supporting your church? What happened?
 - Why does Paul specify that accusations against an elder require 2 or 3 witnesses?
 - Have you ever criticized a church leader for their minor imperfections, failure to meet your personal expectations, or lack of personality compatibility? Explain.
 - Is God calling you to encourage your church leaders at this time? How?
 - Was there anything new that you learned in this teaching about how you can help care for, compensate, or correct your church leaders?
- 2. Elder’s takeaways: Prejudices, patience, and purity. [Vs.21-22]**
 - Have no prejudice or partiality towards anyone. (Don’t show favoritism)
 - How can you guard yourself from showing favoritism in your daily life?
 - Do you hold onto any prejudice(s) that must be surrendered? Please share.
 - Be patient and slow to ordain new elders.
 - How can this wise caution be applied in areas of life outside of the church?
 - Be pure.
 - Why is purity such an important requirement of God?
 - How can this group pray for you and against any struggle in purity you have?

PRAYER

Pray for new opportunities to honor your church staff.
Pray for a surrendered heart to be *against* prejudices and to be *for* patience and purity.



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