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**How To Honor and  
Discipline Elders**

***1 Timothy 5:17-25***

# ***Section — How To Honor People***

*1 Timothy 5:1-6:2*

<b>1 Timothy 5:1-2</b>	<b>How to honor elders and those younger</b>
<b>1 Timothy 5:3-16</b>	<b>How to honor widows</b>
<b>1 Timothy 5:17-25</b>	<b>How to honor elders</b>
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# ***When To Show Honor To Elders***

*1 Timothy 5:17-18*

- **First — We are told to give double honor to those elders who rule well.**
- **Second — We are told to give special honor to those who preach and teach.**
- **Third — The biblical reason why we should give double honor**

# 1) *Double Honor To Those Who Rule Well*

1 Timothy 5:17-18

- “Rule” — from Greek word *proistemi*
  - Means “to put in front,” or “to stand first”
  - Can be translated “to manage”
- “Well” — from Greek word *kalos*.
  - Means “moral goodness” mixed with “beauty”
  - Has sense of “excellence”
- That is, the elders who deserve double honor are those who perform their responsibilities with excellence or better than most of the elders.

# 1) *Double Honor To Those Who Rule Well*

*1 Timothy 5:17-18*

- **“Rule Well”**
  - **Elders will have the leadership and administration are spiritual gifts. (Romans 12:8 and 1 Corinthians 12:28)**
- **Why would some elders do this better?**
  - **Determined by Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:6)**
  - **Commitment to Christ**

# 1) **Double Honor** *To Those Who Rule Well*

*1 Timothy 5:17-18*

- **What is single honor and how do we give it?**
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**
  - **Hebrews 13:17**
- **What is double honor?**
- **How do we give double honor to elders?**

## 2) ***Especially Those Who Work Hard at Preaching and Teaching***

- **“Especially”** — from Greek word *malista*
  - Means “chiefly” or “above all”
- **“Work Hard”** — from Greek word *kopiao*
  - It means “working so hard that the individual becomes so tired, as if he was beaten.”
- The Greek grammar is a present participle which implies that the person keeps working hard.

# ***Some Implications of Verses***

*1 Timothy 5:17-18*

- **First - Some elders are not worthy of double honor.**
  - **Not willing to work hard, or**
  - **Do not have the time to excel**
- **Second - Preaching and teaching . . .**  
**. . . is the greater responsibility.**
- **There are two types of elders**
  - **Who are they?**
  - **Every elder should labor hard to teach.**
  - **Making decisions is the lower priority.**



### **3) *Biblical Basis For the Command***

- **What does 1 Timothy 5:18 reveal?**
- **What can we learn from these two passages?**
  - **Deuteronomy 25:4**
  - **Luke 10:7**
- **It has been tradition to interpret verse 18 as the basis for compensating full-time pastors.**

# **Show Honor *By Being Fair To Elders* — 1**

*1 Timothy 5:19*

- **Elders are criticized for many different reasons.**
  - **Please name some criticisms.**
- **Verse 19 is **not about** a shallow or anemic pulpit.**
- **It is about an elder who has been accused of a sin.**

# **Show Honor *By Being Fair To Elders* — 2**

*1 Timothy 5:19*

- **“Receive” — from Greek word *paradechomai*.**
  - **Means “to take in hand from” or “to accept.”**
- **When do we receive an accusation?**
  - **What kind of accusations?**
- **Why such a high standard?**
  - **It safeguards against unfair accusations.**
  - **Elders are very vulnerable.**
  - **It is only fair.**

# **Show Honor *By Removing* Disqualified Elders — 2**

*1 Timothy 5:20-21*

- **Assumes several things have already occurred.**
  - **2-3 accusations have occurred.**
  - **An objective investigation has been conducted.**
  - **The elder was found guilty.**
- **The elder was given an opportunity to repent and stop sinning.**
- **If the elder does not stop sinning, then verse 20 applies.**
- **When may an elder be removed immediately?**

# **Show Honor *By Removing* *Disqualified Elders* — 3**

*1 Timothy 5:20-21*

- **What type of sins disqualify an elder?**
- **Why is verse 21 important?**

# **Show Honor *By Carefully* Selecting Elders — 1**

*1 Timothy 5:22-25*

- **Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily.**
  - **What does “lay hands upon” refer to (1 Timothy 4:14)?**
- **Why should we be careful about laying hands upon anyone?**
- **How should this affect the selection of elders?**

# **Show Honor *By Carefully* Selecting Elders — 2**

*1 Timothy 5:22-25*

- **Verse 23 is a side comment.**
- **Verse 24 give us two facts about the sins of men in the selection process.**
- **What is the meaning of:**
  1. **“Sins of some men are quite evident going before them to judgment”?**
  2. **“for others, their sins follow after”?**
- **What happens if the church makes a mistake?**

# **Show Honor *By Carefully* Selecting Elders — 3**

*1 Timothy 5:22-25*

- **What is the meaning of:**
  3. **“Also, deeds that are good are quite evident”?**
  4. **“Those which are otherwise cannot be concealed”?**
- **Verses 24-25 teach us that the process is not perfect.**



# ***Conclusion***

- **This passage teaches that elders and the congregation are to give honor and not dishonor!**
- **What do these verses teach us that every believer should do?**