

I Timothy 5:17-25
Leadership in the Church

Honor is to be given (17-18)

Directing the affairs of the church well (I Thessalonians 5:12-13/Hebrews 13:17)

Double honor: for those who preach and teach (Acts 6:2)

Living by the Gospel (I Corinthians 9:14)

Loving those who instruct (Galatians 6:6)

Looking at the Scripture (Deuteronomy 25:4 / Luke 10:7)

Higher Standards (19-21)

Entertaining accusations - beware of the 3rd bullet (Nehemiah 6:13)

Established by 2 or 3 (II Corinthians 13:1)

Examples made of those who sin (James 3:1 / I Peter 5:2-3)

Equity: no favoritism allowed (James 2:9)

Hasty in the laying on of hands? (22-25)

Sharing in their sins: responsible for whom you put in leadership (Acts 20:28)

Standards imposed: not letting freedoms in Christ be hindered (Romans 14:5)

Seeing the truth: time will reveal character (Hebrews 4:12-13)

Discussion questions for I Timothy 5:17-25

What activities should characterize church leaders that they might be worthy of honor?

(I Timothy 4:12 / II Timothy 4:1-2 / Hebrews 13:7, 17)

Why are church leaders held to a higher standard? (I Peter 4:11 / I Timothy 4:16 / Jude 14-16 / Titus 3:10)

What are some pitfalls that church leaders often fall into? (Romans 12:3 / III John 9-10 / James 3:1)

What are some pitfalls for those who are under leadership? (I Timothy 2:5 / Hebrews 13:17)

Why is it important to not put someone into a leadership position before they are ready?

(I Timothy 3:6 / II Thessalonians 3:1-5 / II Corinthians 1:8-9)