

# **The Protection and Correction of Elders**

## **1 Timothy 5:19-25**

- I. **Introduction**
  
- II. **Protection: Protect Elders Vigorously v. 19**
  - A. False accusations are common towards godly leaders (Deut. 19:15)
  
  - B. Many godly men have been falsely accused and have had their reputations ruined (Ps. 105:15)
  
- III. **Correction: Rebuke Sinning Elders Openly vv. 20-21 (Matt 18:15-20)**
  - A. Confronting an elder must be done very carefully (Deut. 17:6; 19:15-20)
  
  - B. Rebuke elders who continue in sin v. 20 (Gal. 2:11-14; Ps. 19:13)
  
  - C. New Testament pattern of church discipline (Matt 18:15f; Acts 5:11)
  
  - D. Timothy is charged not to pre-judge any situation (favorites) v. 21 (James 2:1-4)
  
- IV. **Ordination: Select Elders Carefully vv. 22-25 (1 Tim. 3:6)**
  - A. Do not ordain a man to pastoral ministry too soon
  
  - B. You share responsibility for the sins of unqualified ordained men v. 22 (Eph. 5:11)
  
  - C. Timothy is to care for his body 5:23 (1 Tim 4:3)
  
  - D. The sins of potential elders will be manifest over time vv. 24-25 (Galatians 5:19-21)
  
- V. **Conclusion / Application**