

THREE KEY ISSUES REGARDING ELDERS IN THE CHURCH (1 Timothy 5:17-25)

- A. Instructions Concerning FALSE DOCTRINE and CHURCH DISCIPLINE (1:3-20)**
- B. Instructions Concerning PUBLIC WORSHIP and POTENTIAL LEADERS (2-3)**
- C. Instructions Concerning FALSE and TRUE TEACHERS (4)**
- D. Instructions Concerning PASTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES and PEOPLE ISSUES (5)**

1. The ISSUE of REMUNERATION for ELDERS (5:17-18)

a. The RESPONSIBILITY of REMUNERATION (v. 17)

- 1) The type of remuneration is described as _____.

- 2) The recipients of remuneration are the _____ that _____, who _____ in the _____ and _____.

** Does this indicate two distinct types of elders?*

b. The REASON for REMUNERATION (v. 18)

- 1) This command is based on the “_____.”

- 2) Support for this principle comes from both the _____ and _____ Testaments.

2. The ISSUE of ACCUSATION against ELDERS (5:19-21)

a. The PROTECTION Against a FALSE Charge (v. 19)

- 1) The *command* is given “not to _____ an _____ . . .”

- 2) The *exception* to this command rests upon the testimony of _____.

b. The PUBLIC REBUKE for a TRUE Charge (v. 20)

- 1) The *objects* of the rebuke are _____.
- 2) The *nature* of the rebuke is that it is a _____ rebuke.
- 3) The purpose of the rebuke is so that “_____.”

** What is the biblical balance for believers regarding “fear”?*

3. The ISSUE of ORDINATION of ELDERS (5:22-25)

a. The WARNING about ORDINATION (vv. 22-23)

- 1) Warning #1: Avoid _____ when appointing church leaders.
- 2) Warning #2: Avoid _____ in other men’s sins due to a wrong selection of church leaders.

** What is verse 23 saying? What is it not saying?*

b. The WISDOM Needed for ORDINATION (vv. 24-25)

The ground for this warning in verse 22 is that it will take time for some men’s:

- 1) _____ to become manifest.

** What will this prevent?*

- 2) _____ to become manifest.

** What can you learn from all this?*