

**Series "Entrusted With The Truth"**  
**"Ministry To Ministers"**  
**1 Timothy 5:17-25**  
**Study-14**

**1 Tim 5-6 The Church and Its Ministry:**

**1 Tim 3:1-7**

**1 Tim 5:17**

**1. Verses 17-18 – Honoring Ministers**

**2. Verse 19 – Protecting Ministers**

**3. Verses 20-21 – Correcting Ministers**

**4. Verses 22-25 – Selecting Ministers**

**1. Verses 17-18 – Honoring Ministers:**

1 Tim 5:17

1 Tim 5:3-16 – Previously dealt with ministry to Widows, Honor/Support.

1 Timothy 5:3 – "Honor widows"

1 Timothy 5:16

"Let the elders" – New Testament gives 3 Terms for Ministers:

1. "Elder" Greek word, which means "an old man" reflects the "maturity and dignity of the office"
2. Bishop means "Overseer," It is derived from two verbs that mean "to visit" or "to look upon" to inspect as an overseer or a superintendent, or in modern terms, a foreman" (Authority and leading function)
3. "Pastor" means "Shepherd," "one who leads and cares for the flock of God." (Shepherding or feeding function)

"rule" – means "to stand before, to preside" To be an example.

"well" – implies "promptness and orderliness" one who leads properly, and honestly"

1 Timothy 3:4

"honor" – "to respect, regard" 1 Timothy 5:3

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Hebrews 13:17

"double honor," – can be translated "twofold honor, or generous pay" (The word honor is used as in "honorarium" gift to honor)

Respect/Compensation

"especially" – "chiefly or particularly"; those who work hard; "to work to the point of fatigue and exhaustion" I Thess. 5:12 "among you"

"at preaching" – Greek word log'-os; "something said, speech, public proclamation of the truth"; Preaching calls for a heart response to the truth proclaimed.

"and teaching." – "instruction, the imparting of informational truth, doctrine, learning"

Acts 6:4

1 Tim 5:18

Paul quotes Scripture (Word of God); Moses – Deuteronomy 25:4, and Jesus – Luke 10:7; Both utterances were equally authoritative.

Old Testament Scripture: Moses – Deuteronomy 25:4

1 Corinthians 9:9-14

New Testament Scripture: Jesus – "The laborer is worthy of his wages."  
Luke 10:4-7

## **2. Verse 19 – Protecting Ministers:**

1 Tim 5:19

Protection From False Charges: Acts 6:1

The Command: "Do not receive an accusation against an elder" – "receive" means "to welcome with total acceptance"; "Stop receiving as you have been doing."

"accusation" – compound word "against, a public meeting place"  
Titus 1:6

The Exception: "except on the basis of two or three witnesses."

Deuteronomy 17:6

Deuteronomy 19:15

Deuteronomy 19:16-21

Jesus established this principle – Matt 18:16

### **3. Verses 20-21 – Correcting Ministers:**

1 Tim 5:20

Ministers are to be protected from false accusations, but don't receive immunity from true accusations!

"continue in sin," – stresses "habitual sin"

Discipline played a prominent part in the life of the early church:

Acts 5:1-11 –

Matt. 18:15-19 –

Rom. 16:17-18 –

1 Cor. 5:5 – 1 Cor. 5:11-13

2 Thess. 3:6, 14 –

Titus 3:10 –

Rebuke For A True Charge: Rebuke means "to expose, to bring to open conviction, to correct"

Courage:

Matthew 18:15

Acts 5:11

1 Tim 5:21

Matthew 18:19-20

"maintain" – means "to guard or to protect"

Fairness: without bias, "apart from prejudgment"

Proverbs 18:17

"partiality." – This term denotes "an inclination toward someone"

#### **4. Verses 22-25 – Selecting Ministers:**

1 Tim 5:22

The laying on of hands – signifies “the ordination of new leaders; hands identified as agreeing with, partnership” Acts 13:3; 1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6

Avoid Quick Decisions: “Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily”

Luke 6:12-13

Avoid Participation In Sin: “and thus share responsibility for the sins of others;”

2 John 1:10-11

Personal Need: 1 Tim 5:23

Discernment of Sin: 1 Tim 5:24

“The sins of some men are quite evident,” – “to show” or “to manifest in advance.”

Discernment of Works: 1 Tim 5:25

#### **Application:**

1. We Are To Honor Ministers That Rule Well And Work Hard At Preaching And Teaching
2. We Are To Protect Our Spiritual Leaders From False Accusations
3. Ministers Are To Be Protected From False Accusations, But Don't Receive Immunity From True Accusations
4. The Selection Of Spiritual Leaders Requires Time, Prayer, Counsel, Thought And Examination