

## SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

### **Honor the Elders Who Labor in Love for Your Joy**

1 Timothy 5:17-19

*<sup>17</sup> Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.*

*<sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."*

*<sup>19</sup> Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.*

Healthy churches honor their elders.

Elders who faithfully teach and preach God's Word honor God and those who love God's Word will honor those who preach it with integrity.

Elders who labor full time in preaching and teaching should receive respect and payment from the church because they are worth infinitely more than some beast of the field.

Healthy churches protect their elders' reputations.

Elders are workers for your joy!

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Read 1 Timothy 5:17-19

What does it mean to "rule well"?

What does it mean to "honor elders"?

Do you see respecting, submitting to, and helping to financially provide for your pastors as a normal part of the life of a Christian?

Are elders constantly trying to earn your respect by constantly having to prove themselves to you?

Do you trust God with the elders that He has placed over you?

How are you encouraging to your elders?

How do you work to protect their reputations?

Why do you think Paul was concerned with how the elders were honored by the church?

What are 3 things about this text that you find interesting or didn't notice prior to looking further?

How will you seek to apply this text to your life today?

## Community Group

**ICEBREAKER:** Share a time that you were impacted in a positive way through a leader? (I.E. Parent, coach, manager, pastor,.....)  
Also share a time that you were impacted in a negative way through the lack of leadership?

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Read 1 Timothy 5:17-19 and the first point on the MAP.
- What does it mean to "rule well"?
- What does it mean to "honor elders"?
- Read the second point on the front of the MAP.
- Why do you think there is such an emphasis on preaching and teaching?
- Read the third point on the front of the MAP.
- Does the way that you honor through giving reflect your love for Jesus and His bride - the church?
- Read the fourth point on the front of the MAP.
- Do you generally think the best of people or assume the worst?
- Are you constantly suspicious of elders/pastors or do you assume the best? Why or why not?
- What are some ways that you can protect the reputation of those who labor in leading and feeding?
- Read the last point on the front of the MAP along with 2 Corinthians 1:24.
- Have you ever thought of elders within the church in this way?
- Does the way you submit to their leadership show that you believe this or not?
- How can you support your elders in a way that encourages them as they "work with you for your joy"?

### **PRAY:**

- Pray that your elders would delight in God and that the joy of the Lord would be their strength.