

# 1 Timothy

## Fight the Good Fight

## Elder Rules

### Introduction and Review

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Elders** (*1 Timothy 5:17-18, 3, 3:3; Hebrews 13:17; Luke 10:7; 2 Chronicles 31:4-5; 1 Corinthians 9:13-14; Galatians 6:6*)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Elders** (*1 Timothy 5:19-21, 1, 1:20, 3; Deuteronomy 19:15, 13:10-11; 2 Corinthians 13:1; Matthew 18:16, 25:31; 2 Chronicles 19:7; Romans 2:11; John 3:16; Hebrews 10:26-27*)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Elders** (1 Timothy 5:22-25, 4:4-5, 14; Ephesians 5:18)

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**Discussion Questions (1 Timothy 5:17-25)**

1. What does it mean and what are the requirements for an elder to receive “double honor”? (1 Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 13:17) Why is this especially true for “those who labor in preaching and teaching”? (1 Timothy 5:18; Luke 10:7; 2 Chronicles 31:4-5; 1 Corinthians 9:13-14; Galatians 6:6) Is there something you can or should do to honor the elders at your church?
2. What is the proper procedure for bringing a charge against another member of the church (or a fellow Jew in the Old Testament)? (Deuteronomy 19:15; 2 Corinthians 13:1; Matthew 18:16) How are elders to be treated differently and why do you think that is? (1 Timothy 5:19)
3. How is the church to discipline “those (elders) who persist in sin”? (1 Timothy 5:20a, 1:20) What is the purpose of this discipline? (1 Timothy 5:20b; Deuteronomy 13:10-11)
4. In his strong charge to “keep these rules (about disciplining elders) without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality”, why do you think Paul invokes “the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels”? (1 Timothy 5:21; Matthew 25:31; 2 Chronicles 19:7; Romans 2:11)
5. Taken together what do 1 Timothy 4:4-5 and 1 Timothy 5:23 teach us about the use of wine? Why do you think Paul includes this parenthetical statement at this point in the letters. What does it reveal about Timothy?
6. What does 1 Timothy 5:22a teach us about selecting elders? (1 Timothy 4:14) What might 1 Timothy 5:22b teach us about Timothy’s (and our) responsibility in selecting elders?
7. Why is it important to “not be hasty in the laying on of hands” (selecting elders)? (1 Timothy 5:24-25) What four types of people does Paul describe in these verses? Which type do you identify with? Based on the type you identify with, are there changes you need to make in your life?