

## 1 Timothy

### Chapter 5:17-25

#### I. Elders

##### A. Synonyms

1. Bishops
2. Overseers
3. Presbyters
4. Shepherds
5. Pastors

##### B. Administrative

1. Elders are to *rule* which means *to be over*.
  - a. They are to rule where they have been selected, approved and ordained – 1 Pet. 5:2
  - b. They are to rule willingly and not for money or force – 1 Pet. 5:2, 3
  - c. They are to rule by example – 1 Pet. 5:3
2. Financial
  - a. Elders are to receive honor (time as price or pay)
    1. Supported by Deut. 24:14
    2. Commanded by Jesus – Matt. 10:5-11
    3. Utilized as a principle by Paul in different professions - 1 Cor. 9:7-14
  - b. The capacity of ruling is describes by *well*: “*word and doctrine*”
    1. Some elders labor in preaching and teaching
    2. The emphasis is compensation for both
    3. All elders *must* be *apt to teach*, but not preach as a qualification – 1 Tim. 3:2

##### C. Accusations

1. To shield – “*receive not an accusation but before two or three witnesses*”
  2. To discipline
    - a. Rebuke those who keep sinning
    - b. Rebuke them publicly
      1. They are to be rebuke *before all*
      2. They are to be rebuke so others may fear
        - a. Jesus rebuked Peter before the rest of the apostles – Matt. 16:21-23
        - b. God punished Ananias and Sapphira before all – Acts 5:9-11
- (*Note that discipline is for the discernment; punishment is for deliberate continuous sin*)

#### II. Paul’s Charge to Timothy

##### A. Before God, the Lord Jesus and the elect Angels

##### B. Observe (guard) these things – relationships, widows, elders

1. Without preference one before another (pre-judgment or prejudice)
2. Do nothing by partiality (the leaning towards one person)

##### C. Lay hands “*suddenly*” on no man

1. “*Lay hands on*” is “*to appoint*”
2. Suddenly describes *appointment or restoration*
  - a. Some men sins are openly manifested before all
  - b. Some men sins follow after to judgment
  - c. Some men good works are openly manifest before all
  - d. Some men good works follow after

*Conclusion: A hasty reconciliation may cause the offender to think his sins were not as serious as they seem or ordaining men without proof of reputation could prove fatal.*

