

Building the Church Requires Caring for Its Leaders

1 Timothy 5:17-25

Leaders in the church are called to a high standard!

1. How to treat Elders: 3 specifics (v17-20)

Respect

Protect

Correct

2. Guarding the leadership gate (v21-25)

No _____

No _____

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For Further Thought

1. “Leadership is influence.” Agree or disagree? Who are some of the most influential people you know? What makes them so? Does a person need a position to be a leader?
2. With the pandemic, the racial tensions, and the national elections, this has been a tough year for church leaders all across the country. Throw in the departure of the senior pastor here, and that makes it harder still. Discuss what impact each of those four things has had here. What might be some ways to honor our leaders in the midst of all this?
3. Does verse 19 give special protection to church leaders? See Deuteronomy 19:15 and Mt 18:15-20.
4. When Paul refers in verse 18 to Deuteronomy 25:4 and Luke 10:7, what does he call those verses? What’s the significance of his speaking of both of those passages that way? When Peter refers to Paul’s writings in 2 Peter 3:15-16, what does he call them? Why is this important?
5. Why does Paul order public rebuke for church leaders who persist in sin (v20)? What happens when this is not done?
6. Among the qualifications to become an elder here, one must have been a member for at least a year and a small group leader for at least 3 months. What would you say to someone, based on vss 21-25, who suggests that those requirements are too restrictive?
7. Pray for our church and its leaders.