



January 22, 2023

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 5:17-25**

<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. <sup>20</sup> As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. <sup>21</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality. <sup>22</sup> Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. <sup>23</sup> (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.) <sup>24</sup> The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. <sup>25</sup> So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden. <sup>1</sup>

**D-GROUP AGENDA**

**Welcome & Catch Up**

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

**Read It**

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

**Study It**

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God’s truth. For some questions, we recommend going to [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org). This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on 1 Timothy are:

Hughes, R. Kent and Bryan Chapell. *1-2 Timothy and Titus: To Guard the Deposit*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. *1-2 Timothy and Titus*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.bible.com/bible/1-ti/5:17-25). (2016). (1 Ti 5:17–25). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Platt, David and Daniel L. Akin. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. Nashville: Holman, 2013.

### **Review It**

When Paul speaks of the double honor for pastors, what comes to mind? Why is the pastoral position singled out for such a double honor?

What about pastors who don't deserve respect? Don't deserve a paycheck?

Why is there such an aversion by some to pay pastors?

When it comes to disciplining pastors within the church, there are numerous stories of when it should happen. Why does it often never occur when needed? What are the circumstances that lead some churches to just get rid of a pastor and move on? Are these ever right? If so, when?

When Pastor David mentioned that he was guilty of "too quickly laying on hands" what do you think he meant? Why is this an issue in the church?

As Paul closed the section regarding sins that are found out, he also mentioned the good deeds that are often found out as well. When have you experienced such?

### **Five Questions**

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

### **Prayer**

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.