

THE PASTORAL LETTERS

Concerning Elders

1 Timothy 5:17-25

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1. The honor of Elders.

- a. The Elders of the church have the responsibility before God of presiding over the church as _____.
- b. The Elders of the church have the responsibility before God of proclaiming the _____ to the congregation.
- c. The congregation _____ their Elders with respect and with financial support for those with the primary responsibility of preaching and teaching.

2. The godly character required of the Elders.

- a. The congregation must guard against believing every _____ comment about an Elder.
- b. The congregation must solemnly hold Elders accountable when they persist in sin by rebuking them _____.

- c. Serving as an Elder is a high calling, therefore congregations must be very _____ when they set a man apart to this ministry.

“Trust no one easily in regard to his knowledge, learning, or piety. There, too, insist on _____ who consistently speak about his integrity and circumstances.” - Martin Luther

- 1) The reality is that some sins are _____ to see while others are not evident at first.
- 2) _____ works are also plain to see and even those that are more private will ultimately be seen as well.

- d. The temptation to sin is something that Elders and all believers must take very seriously.

“If one was to have freedom to _____ out sins in others, he must be free from these sins himself.” - Curtis Vaughan