

1 Timothy 5:19-21

Honouring Elders and the Eldership (Part 2: Disciplining Elders)

Protecting Elders from False Accusations (v. 19)

Publicly Rebuking Elders for Sin (v. 20)

Practicing Impartiality in Disciplining Elders (v. 21)

Application of 1 Timothy 5:19-21

1. Why might elders be more susceptible to false accusations and gossip than other Christians?
2. Are you guilty of believing or sharing unfounded and unsubstantiated accusations or stories against an elder(s) or even other people (if so, ask God to forgive you)?
 - a. Commit to apply biblical wisdom in making judgements about others (see Deut 19:15-20; Prov 18:5, 13, 17; Zech 8:16; 1 Cor 13:7)
3. What wisdom lays behind the requirement for an elder (and others e.g. Deut 19:15-20; Matt 18:15-20) to be accused of sin by 2+ witnesses?
 - a. In what situations may an investigation into an accusation need to follow a different approach (i.e. if there aren't 2+ witnesses)?
4. What is the stated purpose in v. 20 of discipline against an elder? How would this be effective in the lives of other elders (and all believers)?
 - a. What other reasons might exist for why a sinning elder should be rebuked "in the presence of all" the congregation?
5. Do you go about your daily tasks and decision making with a sense of the "presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His elect angels"?
6. Why do you think Paul went to such great lengths to build up the solemn nature of his charge? What does this suggest about the powerful inclination toward partiality?
7. In what way(s) might you be tempted toward bias and partiality?
8. Consider other relevant passages on church discipline and notice the similarities and differences in the process and practice of this important aspect of the church (see Matt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 5; 2 Cor 2:5-11; Gal 6:1-5; 2 Thess 3:6-15; Titus 1:10-13; 3:10-11)
 - a. What's the goal of church discipline?
9. How does v. 19 refer to honouring elders and how do vv. 20-21 refer to honouring the office/position of eldership?

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 5:17-25

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>Honouring E_____ & the E_____</i> <i>(Part __: D_____ E_____)</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	P_____ E_____ from F_____ Accusations (v. ____) P_____ R_____ Elders for S_____ (v. ____) P_____ Impartiality in Discipling E_____ (v. ____) 	
<u>Verses</u>		

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Accusation(s)	Church	Elder(s)/Pastor(s)	Paul	Sin

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: