

# 1 TIMOTHY

5:17-25

17 Elders who rule well should be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. 18 For scripture says, "You must not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." 19 Don't entertain an accusation against an elder unless it's brought by two or three witnesses. 20 Those who sin should be rebuked publicly, so that the rest also may stand in fear. 21 I charge you, in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels, to keep these rules without bias, doing nothing with partiality. 22 Don't be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. 23 (Stop drinking just water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent ailments.) 24 The sins of some people are conspicuous, going ahead of them to judgment, but the sins of others trail behind. 25 So also, good deeds are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot stay hidden. ♦

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## How to Honor Church Leaders

1. By \_\_\_\_\_ them for their labors
2. By \_\_\_\_\_ them from frivolous accusations
3. By \_\_\_\_\_ them before they're "ordained"

Elders deserve a full dose of \_\_\_\_\_—but only if they are \_\_\_\_\_.

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