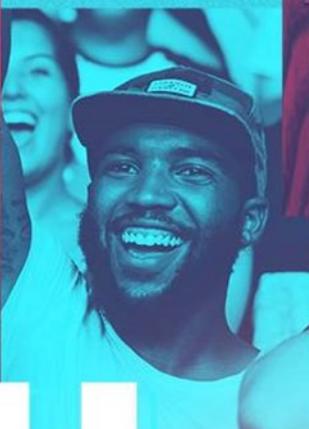


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# **Concerning Elders**

**A healthy church will honor its  
elders.**

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**1 Timothy 5:17**

**<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.**

**“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”**

Matthew 18:15-17

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**<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>11</sup>But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry <sup>12</sup>and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith.**

**<sup>13</sup>Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. ...**

**<sup>14</sup>So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. <sup>15</sup>For some have already strayed after Satan. <sup>16</sup>If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows.**

**During this time of reflection:**

**Are you living faithfully  
according to God's design  
for the family?**