

Restoring Biblical Eldership, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Timothy 5:17-25.
- B. The church is founded by Jesus as the fullness of God's plan for the world.
- C. The church is a chosen generation that demonstrates the saving grace of Christ.
- D. The issue facing the church today is an issue of leadership.
- E. Paul wants to assist Timothy in restoring biblical eldership.

II. Honoring elders.

- A. The congregation should love, submit and follow after elders. (Hebrews 13:7, 17)
- B. The elders should be qualified to receive honor.
- C. Honor means respect. It may refer to financial support. (Matthew 27:6-9)
- D. Paul wanted money to be conveyed in terms of spiritual significance. (2 Corinthians 11, 1 Thessalonians 2:9)
- E. Some are due double honor. Special honor is due to those who show special excellence.
- F. Paul recognizes Luke as Scripture. (Luke 10:7)
- G. One who works is due a wage.

III. Protecting elders.

IV. Rebuking elders.

V. Selecting elders.

Application Questions:

1. How can congregations better show appreciation to their elders?

2. What is a biblical elder?

3. Does the Bible require congregations to pay their elders? Explain.
