

# Restoring Biblical Eldership, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Timothy 5:17-25.

B. The church is to treat its leaders in a certain way.

II. A leader is worthy of proper honor--it should be a double honor consisting of respect and remuneration. (Hebrews 13:7, 1 Corinthians 9, Galatians 6:6)

III. We are called to protect leaders. False accusations are not to be listened to.

IV. Leaders are to be rebuked publicly in the midst of sin. The sin of a leader affects all the followers. (Deuteronomy 13:6; 17; 19:16; 1 Timothy 5, Revelation 1)

V. Selecting qualified leaders.

A. Avoid hasty appointments. There is culpability in appointing a man who has habitual or serious sin. (Acts 18; 9; 6:3-6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 3; Acts 14:3)

B. Parenthesis: There is a time and place for wine or other substances for medicinal purposes.

C. Some men will be clearly unfit for the pastorate before the process and some will be found unfit afterward. Some will obviously be found fit beforehand and others will be found fit in the judgment process.

**Application Questions:**

1. Should church elders always receive due payment? Explain.

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2. How would you respond to someone who says that a public rebuke of a leader sounds harsh?

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3. What kind of evaluation might be effective for selecting qualified church leaders?

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