

1. THE MEASURE OF HONOR DUE TO THE ELDERS. Verses 17,18

1. Two classes here referred to:

1. The passage suggest that all elders worked...
2. But all did not labor in word and doctrine.

2. Honor Due to Them:

1. All were to be given double honor.
2. Especially those who labor in word and doctrine.

3. The grounds for this injunction.

1. Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. Deut. 25:4
2. The labourer is worthy of his hire. 1 Cor. 9:14

2. HOW TO DEAL WITH ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ELDERS. Verse 19

1. Why elders might be exposed to accusations.

1. The weakness of the flesh of man.
2. Because of their duty to convince the gainsayers.
3. Because of their duty to reprove those at fault.

2. The course recommended in this case:

1. The Accusation established in the mouth of two or three witnesses.
2. Consider who these witnesses are.
3. It was the duty of Timothy to make an investigation which must be supported by adequate evidence
4. There is nothing in a minister's life or the life of the elder that would exempt them from a just inquiry and its due consequences.

3. THE MANNER (AND HOW) OF PUBLIC REBUKE. Verse 20

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1. The how of the rebuke. Gal. 6:1

1. In the spirit of meekness...not compromise.
2. Rebuke before all...not in a corner, secretly.
3. That others also may fear.

4. DOING NOTHING BY PARTIALITY. Verses 21, 22

1. Referring to the judicial inquiries respecting elders and other members of the church.

1. The absence of prejudging, prejudice, partiality.

5. REGARDING TIMOTHY'S HEALTH. Verse 23

1. Wine for thy stomach's sake...frequent ailments.

