

Discipline Leaders

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Passage: I Timothy 5:17-25

Main Point: Church leadership is an honorable position.

Case Study:

Read Judges 19. Levites were the priests of the nation of Israel. The priest in the story was not properly disciplined for living in sin. How did this harm Israel and bring shame to the name of the Lord?

The Word:

1. Read Deuteronomy 18:1-8. How does the model of Levitical priesthood resemble how the church should take care of its leadership? Why should the church take good care of its leadership?
2. Read Matthew 18:15-20. Why is it important to follow the process Jesus describes in dealing with sin?
3. Why are church leaders to be handled differently than other people in the church? (Refer to James 3:1).

The World:

1. How should a church go about selecting leaders to teach and shepherd their congregation?
2. Why does 1 Timothy 5:21 advocate for fair treatment of elders being disciplined?
3. How are worldly leaders treated? How should the church be different?

The Application:

1. 1 Timothy 5:24 talks about sins that are obvious and others that are hidden. How should we deal with our own sins in light of this warning?
2. 1 Timothy 5:25 talks about good deeds. How can we honor the good deeds of people who serve faithfully in our church?
3. What other applications can be drawn from 1 Timothy 5:17-25 (or other Scriptures discussed)?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.