

September 22, 2019
Miniseries "Ekklesia"

1 Timothy 5:17-5:25

Title: Preventing Infections

Big Point: Follow Dr. Paul's Orders for Peak Bodily Health

Outline

Honor Elders (17-18)
Protect Elders (19)
Rebuke Unrepentant Elders (20-21)
Appoint Elders (22-25)

Questions:

1. What is an elder? Is this an office based solely on the age of someone? Who can be an elder (1 Timothy 3)?
2. What does it look like when an elder "rules well?" Does the church have a responsibility to provide for those elders? What does "worthy of double honor" mean?
3. Why would Paul make it imperative to have two or three witnesses to bring a charge of misconduct against an elder? Why does an elder need the church's protection in this?
4. If the charge of misconduct against an elder is justified, how is the church initially supposed to handle this with the elder? What if the elder refuses to repent? How might this process dissuade others from persisting in sin?
5. What does Paul mean by "do not be hasty in the laying on of hands?" Why would Paul caution Timothy in this way? Does this harken back to one of the qualifications that Paul laid out in chapter 3? What consequences might arise if Timothy was too hasty in recognizing someone for a ministry or leadership position?
6. Why does Paul tell Timothy that the sins of some are conspicuous while the sins of others are not? What is Paul cautioning Timothy about?