

Study Guide for August 6th, 2006. Elder Care: I Timothy 5:17-25

Introduction: Describe someone who demonstrated good leadership (in any realm).
What did he or she do specifically that led you to think this person was a good leader?

I. Show Honor: (I Tim. 5:17-18)

- A. Who is to be shown honor? How is honor shown? Why is honor given?
- B. How does Paul use Deut. 25:4 to support his argument?
- C. Read Luke 10:5-7. What seems to be Jesus' point to his disciples?
- D. Compare what Paul says in I Cor. 9:7-14. When is it proper to pay ministers?

II. Exercise Discernment: (I Tim. 5:19-20)

- A. What safeguard does Paul establish if an elder has been accused?
- B. Describe the values that emerge from the pattern in Dt. 17:6, 19:15 & II Cor. 13:1.
- C. What command does Paul give if an elder is found guilty? (vs. 20) Why?
- D. How does this command fit with the guidelines Jesus gives in Matt. 18:15-20?

III. Wait for Wisdom: (I Tim. 5:21-25)

- A. What does Paul mean by the expression **laying on of hands**? (Ac.6:6, I Tim. 4:14)
- B. How might Timothy be in danger of **sharing in the sins of others** or **defiling Himself** if he acts in a hasty manner?
- C. What is Paul's purpose in suggesting, **use a little wine**? Why does he say it here?
- D. Fill in the blanks to appreciate Paul's comparison: Illustrate from your experience. The sins of some men are _____, reaching the place of judgment _____ of them; The sins of others _____ them, [implied] coming to judgment _____ them.
- E. What corollary does Paul make about **good deeds**? (vs. 25)
- F. Compare Paul's statement in Gal. 6:7-10. How does this reality lead us to wisdom?

Conclusion: Heb.13:7 says, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." How can you do this?