

## Taking Care of the Household of God - Elders

1 Tim. 5:17-25

*The Book of 1 Timothy*

This text once again visits the idea of the church as a household and how those in leadership are to take care of the church and be cared for by the church. Here, the language employed is one of ruling well. What does this look like in our present context?

### Outline:

- I. The Pastor's Work  
(v. 17 [rule well - take care of the church by preaching and teaching])
- II. The Pastor's Compensation (vv. 17, 18)
- III. The Pastor's Reputation (v. 19)
- IV. The Pastor's Position (vv. 20-21)
- V. The Pastor's Health (vv. 22-23)
  - A. Training future elders (v. 22 [2 Tim. 2:2])
  - B. Caring for current ones (v. 23)
- VI. The Pastor's Assurance (vv. 24, 25)

### Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

1. Continue doing what you are currently doing.
2. You have treated our church staff and I well; let us continue doing so to the next generation. Do not fail in this. The elders are working to put in play a process that assesses how we are cared for. This is important. Why? Because pastoral longevity does not guarantee health, but it sure makes health a more likely possibility.
3. You are to be commended. Stay the course and let us see Acts 6:7 come to pass.

<sup>7</sup> "The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7).

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