

SERIES TITLE: CHURCH ON COURSE

PART TEN: ELDERS AND ACCUSATIONS

TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25

INTRODUCTION.

Timothy was a young pastor who was mentored by the apostle Paul. After Paul left Ephesus, he put Timothy in charge of organizing the churches. False teachers were endangering the mission. These teachers were speculating about obscure and less important matters, instead of preaching new life in Christ. In this letter, Paul encourages Timothy to deal with this situation and tells him how to move forward in ministry. Although addressed to one person, this letter was intended to benefit the whole church.

DISCUSSION.

Have you ever been accused of something you didn't do? What damage did it do?

EXAMINATION.

vv.17-18 Why should elders who preach and teach get double honor?

Since "honor" can refer to respect or payment, how do we give honor?

vv.19-20 Does this mean church leaders get special treatment? Why or why not?

What would deserve public rebuke and why?

vv.21-22 Based on this, what are some reasons that unqualified leaders get chosen?

v.23 Why does Paul mention this here? How is it connected to the rest of the chapter?

vv.24-25 How does this relate to selecting elders/pastors/overseers to lead the church?

APPLICATION.

- How could you express honor to the elders who direct the church well?
- How will this change your approach or attitude to a leader who sins?
- What could you do to help The Worship Place select and retain godly leaders?

- What hidden good deeds are you tempted to give up doing, and why should you continue?
- FACT: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- REACT: What did you feel?
- ACT: What are you going to do?