CROSS WINDS WHAT IS THE CHURCH? 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25



Have you had relatives or friends over your house this summer to enjoy the lakes? If not, is there a time in the summer when they will visit?

SERMON REVIEW

Read 1 Timothy 5:17-18 and Hebrew 13:17. What does it look like to honor a church leader in day-to-day life? Why is it especially appropriate to honor those that work hard in preaching and teaching?

While double-honor doesn't mean double-salary, what point was Paul driving home when he used this phrase?

Paul used a quote from the Old Testament and a quote from Jesus to remind churches they must honor their leaders not just with words but also in financial support. Why is it impossible to separate the way you honor a church leader practically and the way you honor him/her financially?

Read 1 Timothy 5:19-21 and Titus 3:10. Why are church pastors and leaders frequently under attack from gossip and slander?

How should a congregation honor and protect their leaders when they hear gossip and slander spoken against them?

If multiple people have the same concern, how should it be handled?



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What is prejudging and why is it so dangerous?

If a church leader does not heed the rebuke of the elders, why should a private rebuke by the elders be make public?

What are the dangers of keeping an unheeded rebuke from the elders private?

What are the dangers once an unheeded rebuke of the elders is made public?

Read **1 Timothy 5:22-25 and Acts 6:1-6, especially v.6.** Why is it important to affirm church leaders slowly?

Why is it important for church leaders to be on the same page when it comes to the Bible, the church and the philosophy of ministry?

Should we think of our church leaders as representatives of groups in the congregation (like American government) or as the leaders God called and unified for his church?

DIGGING DEEPER

Paul tells Timothy to drink a little wine for his stomach. What error in Timothy's life was Paul guarding against in these words?

What is your opinion on the use of alcohol by Christians? Can you support your opinion from Scripture?