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1TIMOTHY 5:17-25

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The church loves and supports it's elders by…

1. _____ them. (v.17-18)
Being an elder is not an honorary title that is bestowed upon someone; being an elder is a _____ that requires diligence and discipline in fulfilling the duties that God has given them.

"***considered worthy of double honor***" can have a two-fold meaning…

1. This carries the idea of showing the elders who serve well _____ – having a sense of gratitude and appreciation for all that they do and letting them know! **(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)**
2. This also carries the idea of _____ compensating those elders who serve well. **(1 Corinthians 9:14**; **Galatians 6:6)**

God wants His people to take care of those who faithfully _____ them, especially those who preach and teach the Word.

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2. _____ them. (v.19)
The problem is when people make an accusation that is not true it can do real _____ to the ministry of the church.
The best way to protect the elders against false accusation is not to make them, but because people are not perfect, they will be made, so the next best thing to do is not to take them seriously if there is no _____ by two or three witnesses to support the claim. **(Deuteronomy 19:15)**

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3. _____ them. (v.20-21)

Sin must be dealt with. Elders do not get a pass on this. When there is a legitimate issue, Paul says the church must _____ it.

An elder who is a pattern of habitual, unrepentant sin must be confronted publicly because of the _____ it can do the ministry of the gospel.
Elders will be held _____ by God for how they lead. **(Hebrews 13:17**; **James 3:1)**

Paul says in dealing with it publicly it sends a message to the other elders and to the congregation as a whole that sin must be _____ with.

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4. _____ the right ones to serve. v.22-25

In these verses, Paul is basically saying it is critical that the _____ men be appointed to serve as elders. This can make all the difference in how effective the ministry of the church is or is not.

Paul is instructing the church to do its due _____ in the selection and appointment of men to the elder ministry.

Paul is saying that the process of selecting elders cannot be _____.

Take all the time you need to make sure you find the right men, men who are called by God and who meet the Scriptural _____.