

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 16—1 Timothy 5:17-25—What to do about a Pastor's Salary and a Pastor's Sins!

1. Read 1 Timothy chapter five and summarize it in a few sentences.
2. Memorize 1 Timothy 5:19.
3. (a) What are our biblical responsibilities to our elders according to 1 Timothy 5:17-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13; Hebrews 13:7 and Hebrews 13:17? (b) How do you think the collective church is doing in following these admonitions from these verses? (c) How are you doing personally in following these admonitions?
4. (a) What do the following verses have in common? Deuteronomy 17:6; Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16; John 8:17, 18; 2 Corinthians 13:1; 1 Timothy 5:19; Hebrews 10:28. (b) After considering these verses, why do you think it's essential that elders not be accused unless there are 2 or 3 witnesses?
5. (a) How does 1 Timothy 5:20 go against the trend of our day? (b) Why do you think it's imperative that we expose sinning members as well as sinning elders? Use scripture to support your answer.
6. (a) After studying this lesson, what would you do if someone came to you with an accusation about your pastor? (b) What would you do if you knew your pastor was in sin? (c) What would you do if you knew your pastor was not being paid properly?
7. (a) Do you know if your pastor is receiving a salary that meets his needs and is equivalent to the current salary of the day? (b) Do you know your pastor well enough to know if there are any overt sins in his life? (c) After studying this passage how do you think you might better pray for your pastor? (d) Please come with a prayer request for him.