

1 Timothy

CHAPTER 5:17-25

Lesson 11

1 Timothy 5 closes with Paul *charging* Timothy to *observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality*. We would be wise to apply these to our own lives. May you be challenged to not only look for good examples in those who lead, but in your own life, as well.

Read 1 Timothy 5:17-25

1. Read through this week's verses using at least two different Bible translations or paraphrases. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. The contrasting word, *but*, is used two times in this section. Choose one instance of its use and record what is being contrasted.
3. Scan the instructions given in this section. Which ones pique your interest? Why?

Read 1 Timothy 5:17-20

1. This section of 1 Timothy 5 addresses the role of the *elder* or church leader. What did Paul state *elders* were to be *counted worthy of*?
 - a. What particular group did Paul specify was *especially worthy*?
2. The Greek definition of *honor* speaks of a valuing by which a price is fixed. Considering this definition, what is meant by the statement in 1 Timothy 5:17?
3. Considering the next verse begins with the term of conclusion, *for*, what does this verse add to your understanding of verse 17?
4. The next two verses relate to how to handle an *elder* who has been *accused of sin*. What instructions are given regarding an *accusation* against an *elder* in verse 19?
 - a. What was the law about this as recorded in Deuteronomy 19:15?
 - 1.) What is the value of this rule?
 - 2.) What is your responsibility when someone makes an *accusation against* a church leader to you?
5. If an *elder* is found guilty of *sinning*, what is to be done (verse 20)?
 - a. This action may be considered harsh or embarrassing. According to this verse, why is it necessary?
 - b. How might the warning of James 3:5 apply to 1 Timothy 5:20?

Read 1 Timothy 5:21

1. This verse reveals the importance of adhering to Paul's instructions. How are they to be administered?

2. Define the meaning of the phrases:

without prejudice

- a. Add to your understanding by recording the words of Leviticus 19:15.

without partiality

- a. Add to your understanding by recording the words of James 2:1-4.

3. Why is it important to you that this exhortation be followed?

Read 1 Timothy 5:22,23

1. 1 Timothy 5:22,23 appears to be addressed specifically to Timothy. In what ways do they include all believers?

2. Verse 22 contains three instructions:

do not lay hands on anyone hastily Note: This refers to appointing someone to a leadership position

- a. List some synonyms for the word *hastily*.

- b. List some antonyms for the word *hastily*.

- 1.) What are the possible consequences of ignoring this command?

do not share in other people's sins

a. List some synonyms for the word *share*

b. List some antonyms for the word *share*

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keep yourself pure

a. List some synonyms for the word *pure*

b. List some antonyms for the word *pure*

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2. What suggestion did Paul give to Timothy in verse 23?

a. What was his reasoning?

b. Using your own words, define the word *little*.

Read 1 Timothy 5:24,25

1. Summarize the truths of 1 Timothy 5:24,25.

- a. These words are meant to be a caution regarding the appointment of leaders. Given this truth, what can we do in selecting leadership?

2. Record the words of Psalm 37:6.

- a. What do they say to you?

3. According to 1 Corinthians 3:13, when will the quality of all our works be perfectly revealed?

What does this mean to you as it applies to:

the life of an *elder*/leader

your own life

Review 1 Timothy 5:17-25

1. In what ways were you personally challenged by these verses?
2. What did you learn about your responsibilities towards an *elder*?

*being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.*
- *Philippians 1:11*