

Making application of the message to life:

5) What are the benefits of honoring spiritual leadership in the church (Heb. 13:7,17)?

6) What are godly ways to hold spiritual leadership accountable to be humble servants of the Lord?

7) If you see a church leader sin, what would you do? How will you restore holiness to the church? How are you a part of the process?

Train Your Replacements: Honor Leadership for Jesus
1 Timothy 5:17-25
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1 Tim. 5:22,24; Acts 20:28-30

How do you honor leadership?

1) Honor leaders in Jesus' name 5:17-18

- 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:1; 1 Cor. 9:7-14; [Deut 25:4; Luke 10:7]

2) Receive no accusations without verified witnesses 5:19-20

3) Remain impartial toward leadership before Jesus 5:21-23

- 1 Cor. 10:31

4) Examine leadership with Jesus' eyes 5:24-25

- Matt 16:15-17; 21-23

Jesus is the true Leader! ***Disciple men to lead by means of Jesus!***

- Believe the best, but don't ordain without 1 Tim. 3:1-13. Carefully investigate the lives of potential leaders. Don't rush to put a man in leadership who is not ready or not proven.
- Do not listen to a charge from one person. If more than one, or it is publicly made, investigate the charge for purity sake. Don't be nice to be nice. Doctrine and the church are far more important than the leader. Leaders will come and go, doctrine and the church remain. Remove bad leaders, appoint new ones, but not too quickly 1 Tim. 5:19.
- Honoring a leader never over-shadows the necessity for holiness. Correct sin, because it is costly to the church. We should fear sin in the church Acts 5:1-11.
- Scripture is the foundation for authority for equipping to every good work 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) Describe what you remember about the leadership in the first church you attended.

Digging deeper:

- 2) If a leader sins, should he be held accountable? _____ What should we learn from Scripture about accusations (cf. Deut. 17:6; 19:15)? What kinds of things motivate people to make accusations?
- 3) Are angels observing your actions? _____ What have angels watched and done with man (cf. 1 Pet. 1:8-12; Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4; Matt. 4:11; 25:41; 1 Tim. 3:16; 5:21; Eph. 3:10-11; 1 Cor. 4:9)?
- 4) Should grace cover over all sin, so all is forgiven and not dealt with? _____ What should the church learn regarding discipline (consider passages like: Matt. 18:15-18; Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Cor. 2:6-11; Gal. 6:1-3; 2 Thess. 3:6-16; 2 Tim. 2:23-26; Titus 3:10; and 2 John 9-11)?