





# IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

## KEY PASSAGE: 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

### INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

1. Vs. 17 starts with, "Let the elders who rule well..." What determines whether or not an elder "rules well?"

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2. What insight does 2 Chronicles 31:4 give for the purpose of giving "double honor" to elders (pastors), especially those who preach and teach, and what practical reasons are there to give them honor - both in respect and financial provision?

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3. From verse 19, what is the danger, both to the church and to the leader, in bringing accusations against a leader in the church on the testimony of only one witness, and what is the danger to the church and to the leader if his sins are covered up(vs. 20)?

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4. Please compare 1 Timothy 5:21 with Proverbs 18:13, "If one gives an answer before he hears it is his folly and shame," and Proverbs 18:17, "The one who states his case first seems right until the other comes and examines him." What dangers are there in prejudging and showing partiality, and why would someone be tempted to do this?

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5. In reference to appointing elders, vs. 22 is written from the “negative” view (do not do this). Please restate it from the positive view (do this). What do you think Paul has seen in churches he’s planted that he’s trying to protect Timothy from?

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6. How would you use vs. 24-25 to explain Paul’s direction to Timothy in vs. 22?

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7. The 2nd great commandment is to “love your neighbor as yourself.” What evidence do you see in this passage of the church members being called to love, and what evidence do you see of church leaders being called to love?

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## CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord (i.e. Honor elders appropriately – both in appreciation and accountability; With great discernment and patience, add to the elder numbers as there is need)?

## WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, November 23 // 1 Corinthians 9:1-14

*Do not muzzle the ox*

Tuesday, November 24 // Matthew 18:15-35

*Forgive and restore*

Wednesday, November 25 // Matthew 7:1-14

*Treat others as you wish to be treated*

Thursday, November 26 // Matthew 7:15-29

*Bear the fruit of Jesus*

Friday, November 27 // 1 Timothy 6:1-10

*Ministry: Pursuit of Godliness and Contentment*