

1. This section speaks of elders, starting with those who labor in teaching (doctrine) and preaching the word. Why are these activities to be particularly rewarded?
2. What form might “double honor” take?
3. Verse 18 quotes from Deuteronomy 25:4 and Luke 10:7. What is interesting about this combination of verses?
4. What are the “judicial” rules Paul lays down for elders?

To put it another way:

1 Tim 5:17 (KJV) Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1 Tim 5:17 (DBY) Let the elders who take the lead among the saints well be esteemed worthy of double honour, specially those labouring in word and teaching

1 Tim 5:17 (NIV) The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

Cross references:

1 Cor 9:3-9(EXV) This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to eat and drink? Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain."

5. Verse 21's injunction to not show prejudice or partiality is given with unusual solemnity "in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels." Why is this so important?

6. What does laying on of hands mean in verse 22?

7. What do verses 24 and 25 imply in light of the preceding verses?

8. What general principles regarding assembly order and assembly discipline might you take from this portion?

Cross references:

1 Thess 5:12 (DBY) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Matt 18:15-16 (ESV) "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Psalm 37:5-6 (KJV) Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

