

1 Timothy 5:17-25

LESSON 22

Ruling Well

1. 1 Timothy 5:17-18 – Elders, Ruling, and Double Honour

- a. Two concepts that need learned: 1) elders ruling well, and 2) double honour
- b. There is a difference between teacher and ruler – Gal 4:2; 1 Tim 3:4,3:12,5:14
 - i. To rule means to set a thing in line, to govern, establish, keep, guard
 - ii. Yes, there are those who ought to rule the house of God – 1Th 5:12-14
 - iii. Ruling well requires righteous judgment/ administering discipline – Ro 12:8
 - iv. Teachers don't have to deal with sin, ordain authority, worry about association, correct errors, withdraw, rebuke, reprove, or exhort – 2 Tim 4:2
- c. Keeping a church in line (ruling well) takes a toll that is worthy of honour – Ro 13:7
 - i. The scripture is in the law – Deu 25:4 ... and Jesus in Luke 10:7, Mat 10:10
 - ii. Paul explains it is right and just that preachers be paid – 1 Cor 9:1-14
 - iii. What's wrong = greedy men who don't rule well or labour in doctrine Ti 1:10
 - iv. Tithing is a blatant doctrinal fraud, but just as bad are ungrateful hearts

2. 1 Timothy 5:19-25 – Making Righteous Judgments

- a. 5:19 - When you talk about people in offices, their worth, etc., accusations fly
- b. Ruling requires handling accusations, faults, trials, judgments, ... drama.
- c. 1) Require witnesses – get the facts straight, not hearsay, rumors, exaggerations
 - i. Other people's sins always seem to be greater than our own
- d. 2) Public rebuke for sin (publicly witnessed) for elders who minister publicly
 - i. Purpose: protection/preservation (not revenge) - Ga 6:1;1Co 5:5;1Ti 1:20
 - ii. Will he repent (change his mind)? Then, there is forgiveness – 2 Cor 2:7-11
- e. 3) No partiality (5:21) – Lev 19:15; 2Chr 19:6-7, no respect of persons – Ex 23:2
 - i. We must learn to reign and judge as to the Lord – 1 Cor 6:2-3; Eph 6:5-9
 - ii. Consider the type of judgment God provides – Neh 9:17, Eph 4:31-32, Co 3:8
- f. 4) Slow down (5:22-25) – Don't be hasty – Prov 14:29; Slow to speak - Jam 1:19
 - i. "Laying hands" either to ordain or to condemn needs some time
 - ii. Neither should be done out of excitement, gut feelings, in the moment
 - iii. The opposite of quick judgment is letting sin infect you – Gal 6:1
 - iv. A man's true character (sins or good works) will be manifest sooner or later
- g. To drink or not to drink – (5:23)
 - i. "keep thyself pure" – is what triggers this parenthetical statement
 - ii. Timothy was not drinking wine – Paul recommends a *little* for medicine
 - iii. That Paul could not heal him (or he himself) screams dispensational change
 1. Epaphroditus, Timothy, Trophimus, Paul – had health issues
- h. Health and wealth teaching, as well as licentiousness in the church is corrected here