

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Timothy 5:17-25

Message Title: It Will All Come Out

1 Timothy 5:17-25 – *Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."¹⁹ Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.²⁰ As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.²¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.²³ (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.)²⁴ The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later.²⁵ So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.*

Take care of your _____

Confrontation Protocol:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Timothy 5:17-25

1. What are some ways in which a church could honor and care for its pastor?
2. What kinds of things do you believe would make a pastor feel dishonored and uncared for?
3. What parts of your past (positive or negative) did you initially believe wouldn't have any effect on your future, but eventually realized they had a lasting influence?
4. Which of the four parts of the confrontation protocol is most difficult for you? Easiest for you?
5. Have you seen a pastor rebuked before? Did restoration eventually occur?
6. For what person or group do you have a positive bias? Negative bias? What can you do to make sure your judgment is not clouded?
7. When have you witnessed someone else's public scandal and realized you had aspects of your life that needed correcting?