

LEADERSHIP: SEARCHING FOR BALANCE

1 Timothy 5:17-22

Radically Ordinary

What a leader is due:

¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

1 Timothy 5

What a leader is due:

1. There are different leadership functions among the Elders.
 - a) “Those who direct”
 - b) Those who are not directly involved in leading the church
 - c) Those who have the responsibility of preaching & teaching

What a leader is due:

2. What are they due from the body?
 - a) Respect
 - b) Reward
 - c) Support
3. Why?
 - a) In keeping with the fundamental teaching of the Old Testament
 - b) In keeping with the teaching of our Lord

What a leader should expect:

¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning. ²¹ I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

1 Timothy 5

What a leader should expect:

Step 1 :Accusation:

- a) Either the presence of a negative
- b) Or the absence of a positive
- c) Necessity of collaboration
- d) Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. Leviticus 19:17

Step 2: Conviction and Sentencing (20-21)

1. If accusation is established in private then the sentence should be announced in public.
2. There are no exceptions

What a leader should expect:

Step 3: The response to repentance

Response to repentance

1 Timothy 5:22

²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

1 Timothy 5:24–25

²⁴ The sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. ²⁵ In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not obvious cannot remain hidden forever.

What a leader should expect:

Step 3: The response to repentance

- a) Don't be too quick to restore
- b) Don't fail to restore the genuinely repentant

So What

- How leaders are generally perceived in the secular world? Why?
- How can/should we express honor to those who accept responsibility for our spiritual oversight?
- Why is Paul so insistent on the public rebuke of sinful leaders?
- What should this tell us about the responsibility that spiritual leaders accept?