

ELDERS RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CONGREGATION

1 Timothy 5:17; 3:5

INTRODUCTION

- A. 1 TI 3:1 – “he desireth a good work.”
- B. 1 TH 5:12-13 “for their work’s sake.”
- C. 1 TI 3:1 – “office.”
- D. RO 12:4-8 – “all members have not the same office.”

DISCUSSION

- I. ELDERS MUST TAKE HEED TO THEMSELVES.
 - A. Acts 20:28.
 - B. Elders examine themselves to see if still in the faith; see if still qualified to serve as an elder; and grow.
- II. ELDERS MUST BE GUIDED BY GOD’S WORD.
 - A. Acts 20:32; TS 1:9.
 - B. 1 PE 5:3.
 - C. JN 10:4.
 - D. He is to show himself to be an example of a father, husband, Christian neighbor, Teacher, Faithful Christian, and in Recreation/entertainment.
- III. ELDERS ARE TO TAKE THE OVERSIGHT.
 - A. 1 PE 5:2-3.
 - B. Elders are to oversee/superintend/look over all phases of local church activity.
- IV. ELDERS ARE TO TAKE HEED TO THE FLOCK.
 - A. Acts 20:28.
 - B. 1 PE 5:2.
 - C. Jesus is the example: JN 10:14. JN 10:27.
- V. ELDERS ARE TO EXERCISE RULE.
 - A. 1 TI 5:17.
 - B. 1 TI 3:5.
 - C. HE 13:7.
 - D. HE 13:17.
 - E. Elders are to exercise rule:
 - 1. Elders have no authority to legislate.
 - 2. Elders have only administrative and judicial authority.
 - F. Elders should:
 - 1. Rule well – 1 TI 5:17.
 - 2. Rule with diligence – RO 12:8.
 - 3. Rule so as to take care of the house of God – 1 TI 3:5.
 - 4. Rule with watchful eye for their souls – HE 13:17.
- VI. ELDERS ARE TO FEED THE FLOCK.
 - A. Acts 20:28.
 - B. JE 3:15.
- VII. ELDERS ARE TO WATCH OVER OUR SOULS.
 - A. HE 13:17.
 - B. They watch for grievous wolves – Acts 20:29-30.
 - C. They watch for vain talkers – TS 1:10-11.
 - D. They settle differences which may arise – Acts 15:6.
 - E. They admonish us – 1 TH 5:12.
 - F. They are to help those spiritually weak – Acts 20:35.