

**ELDERS – OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THEM**

1 TH 5:12-13

## INTRODUCTION

- A. Review last week's lesson.
- B. List of responsibilities elders have to the flock.  
They must take heed to themselves.  
They must be guided in their work by God's word.  
They must show themselves to be examples to the flock.  
They must willingly take the oversight of the congregation.  
They must take heed to all the flock.  
They must exercise rule in the congregation  
They must feed the flock.
- C. Consider very briefly.

Elders Must

Feed

Lead

Be Examples

Teach

Rule

Members Must

Eat

Follow

Imitate Them

Learn

Submit

## DISCUSSION

- I. WE MUST KNOW THE ELDERS. 1 TH 5:12. "oida" – "to see; to know; to pay attention, observe" "labour" – kopiaw – "to grow weary, tired, exhausted (with toil or burdens or grief); to labour with wearisome effort, to toil."
- II. WE MUST ESTEEM THEM HIGHLY IN LOVE. 1 TH 5:13.  
"esteem" – epitropeuo – "to consider, deem, account, think." "love" – agape. "work" – business
- III. WE MUST BE SUBMISSIVE TO THEM. HE 13:17.  
"obey" – episeio – "to trust, have confidence, be confident."  
"rule" – (same as esteem in 1 TH 5:13) – "to lead."  
"submit" – hupeiko – "to resist no longer, but to give way, yield; to yield to authority and admonition, to submit."  
"watch" – agrupneo – "to be sleepless, keep awake, watch, to be circumspect, attentive, ready."
- IV. WE MUST NOT REBUKE AN ELDER. 1 TM 5:1.  
"Rebuke" – epiplesso – "to strike upon, beat upon; to chastise with words, to childe, upbraid, rebuke."  
"intreat" - parakaleo – to call to one's side, call for, summon; to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction."
- V. WE MUST NOT RECEIVE CHARGES AGAINST THEM. 1 TI 5:19.  
"accusation" – katgoria – accusation, charge.
- VI. WE MUST REPROVE THEM BEFORE ALL THOSE THAT SIN. 1 TI 5:20.  
"rebuke" – elegcho – "to convict, refute, confute; to find fault with, correct."
- VII. WE MUST REMEMBER AND FOLLOW THEM. HE 13:7.  
"remember" – mnemoneuo – to be mindful of, to remember, to call to mind; to make mention of.
- VIII. WE SHOULD COUNT THEM WORTHY OF DOUBLE-HONOR. 1 TI 5:17-18.

IX. WE SHOULD CALL THE ELDERS WHEN IN NEED. JA 5:14, 16.

CONCLUSION