

## The Response to Elders

Hebrews 13:17

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (not to \_\_\_\_\_, to  
spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ w/ an attitude of service &  
\_\_\_\_\_ who are \_\_\_\_\_ your spiritual walk)

They give an account to God-don't make life

\_\_\_\_\_ for them

1 Tim. 5:17-22

Note: "rule" = "\_\_\_\_\_", out in front

Double honor-esp. ones dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_

Be careful of \_\_\_\_\_-2 or more witnesses

v. 20-\_\_\_\_\_ rebuke on sin

v. 22-don't move too fast in \_\_\_\_\_

## Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple Part 5-"Elder Shepherds"

### Intro/Review

- Ekklesia: Called out for a purpose – The gospel-make disciples
- We are members of one another-a body, connected
- Membership formalizes and demonstrates membership in the body of Christ.-a commitment of accountability & involvement
- Everyone is gifted to work as part of the body-use it

### What is an Elder?

- Traditionally called "\_\_\_\_\_" in many Baptist churches
- Acts 14:22-23 Appointed in each body-  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 20:28 Made by the \_\_\_\_\_-  
recognized by \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Peter 5:2 Voluntary-man & God's \_\_\_\_\_  
together
- Eph. 4:11 Not a \_\_\_\_\_ possessing \_\_\_\_\_

### Identifying an Elder-1 Timothy 3:1-7

- Monogamy-faithfulness
- Temperate-not \_\_\_\_\_, measured & level
- Prudent-\_\_\_\_\_, discerning, careful,  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Respectable-good behavior, \_\_\_\_\_ under control

- Hospitable-welcoming, opens his home
- Able to teach-1 on 1, small groups, large groups, etc.
- Not Alcoholic
- Not Pugnacious or \_\_\_\_\_
- Gentle, Peaceable-not \_\_\_\_\_ or arguer-own rights
- Free from Love of Money-\_\_\_\_\_
- Manages \_\_\_\_\_ well with children under control w/ all dignity
  - V. 5 explains-small group → \_\_\_\_\_
  - Historically \_\_\_\_\_ by church
  - Not about pressure on \_\_\_\_\_, but about man's \_\_\_\_\_ as spiritual guide/leader
- Not a \_\_\_\_\_-must be seasoned & mature
- Good \_\_\_\_\_ outside the church-\_\_\_\_\_, business dealings, \_\_\_\_\_, etc.

Titus 1:5-9

same basic list

Note: not self-willed-“\_\_\_\_\_ guy”

Holds fast Word-sound \_\_\_\_\_

Notice:

1 Tim. 3:5 “take care” not “\_\_\_\_\_”

Titus 1:7 “steward of God”

## The Heart of Elders

Matt. 23:1-12

-don't say it and \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ others

-don't look for acclaim-\_\_\_\_\_

-don't use \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual authority

- \_\_\_\_\_!!!

1 Peter 5:1-4

-not lording, not about \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ authority, not \_\_\_\_\_

authority

The job of Elders (deacons), including pastors, is to \_\_\_\_\_-bringing all of us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus!

Acts 20:28-31

- \_\_\_\_\_, watch out

-Protect from wolves, even from \_\_\_\_\_

-Provide place for \_\_\_\_\_

-Deal w/ \_\_\_\_\_