

Sermon Title:  
"The Right 'Reverend'?"  
I Timothy 5:17-25

INTRODUCTION:

**I. A Healthy Church Needs Leaders Who Serve "Well" vs. 17, 18**

A. Who should be paid?

1. Pay those who serve the affairs of the church "well."
2. Pay especially those who preach and teach.

B. What should we pay pastors/missionaries?

1. The meaning of the word "timeo."
  - a) It is the normal word for respect.
  - b) It is the foundation of pastors going by the title "reverend."

2. What is the significance of the double honor?

- a) Respect.
- b) Pay.

C. Why should we pay pastors/missionaries?

1. What Moses said. Deut. 25:4
2. What Jesus said. Luke 10:7

**II. A Healthy Church Needs Leaders Who Are Accountable vs. 19, 20**

A. The implication of Paul's directions.

1. Churches need a process for rebuking pastors.

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2. Growing from a rebuke is a basic evidence of wisdom according to Proverbs.

B. How to rebuke a pastor.

1. Truth must be confirmed in the mouth of two or three witnesses.
2. A pastor must be rebuked publicly.
  - a) So if a pastor is rebuked publicly, his accusers will be identified publicly.
  - b) The reason for the public rebuke is so that others will take warning.

**III. A Healthy Church Needs Leaders Who Are Tried and True vs. 22-25**

A. What is the purpose of ordination?

1. Ordained to administer the sacraments?
2. Ordained to preach?
3. Ordained to get tax benefits?
4. Here it is—ordained to preach and teach and direct the affairs of the church.

B. Who should be ordained?

1. Ordain those who are proven.
2. Ordain those who are pure.
3. Ordain those who are known for good deeds.

CONCLUSION: