

Sermon Questions

1 Timothy 5:17-25

This week we discussed four different types of leaders (excellent, godly, sinning and immature) in the church and how the church is to respond to each kind of leader. God loves the church and has appointed leadership in His Church so that the kingdom of God can be advanced on the planet. God loves those who lead for Him and He desires His Church to love and honor those leaders as well. As we learn about the different types of leaders in the church it is also important to understand how to respond to leadership in a way that honors God. Following God's Word on these matters is essential for healthy and strong leadership in the church and will allow the Holy Spirit to pour out blessing on the church. May we be people that contribute to Christ's Church in such a way that God is honored and blessed with our service.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

How to Treat Church Leaders

1 Timothy 5:17-25

In the church...

Excellent leaders should be respected and remunerated (17-18)

Godly leaders should be protected from false accusation (19)

Sinning leaders should be rebuked without partiality (20-21)

Immature leaders should be vetted prior to being appointed (22-25)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. How much does Jesus Christ love His Church? How do you know? Who has appointed the leaders in Christ's church? Why is it imperative to understand that Jesus has installed leadership in His Church?
2. What is an excellent leader? How should we treat the excellent leader? Why is preaching and teaching especially important in the church? Why is heralding and proclaiming the Word of God so important? What's more important than that?

3. How should we honor those who are good at preaching and teaching? Why? How should we pay those who are good at preaching and teaching? Why?
4. Read Ezra 7:10. Why is it important that a pastor studies, practices and teaches the Word? Why does this take time? How important is this kind of leadership to the Body of Christ? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-23 and 1 Corinthians 9:13-14. How should we honor and pay those who guide and preach in the church?
5. How can you support your pastor and the leadership of the church? Why is being financially generous so important? Why is faithfully serving the church with your time so important? Why is prayer so important? Why is being thankful for your pastor so important? Why is being generous towards your pastor and his family so important?
6. How should we treat a godly leader? Why should a pastor be protected from false accusation? Why should you never talk poorly about a pastor or a church? Why should you never listen to gossip about a pastor or a church?
7. Read Numbers 16. How does God feel about His people attacking those He has placed into leadership? Why? What happened to Korah and the 250 people who challenged Moses and Aaron? Why? What happened to the 14,700 the next day who were complaining about what God had done? Why?
8. Read 1 Chronicles 16:22 and Psalm 105:15. How God feels when His leadership is attacked by His own people? Why? What can you personally do to ensure that never happens?
9. How should we respond to sinning leaders? If leaders in the church sin does that mean they are immune from criticism? Why? How should a charge be brought against an elder? How should they be rebuked? Why?
10. Why does God want to make sure that those in leadership are not continuing to sin? Why is it important not to show partiality in judging sin? How are some people prejudice in their judgment towards leadership? How are some people passive in their judgement towards leadership?
11. How should we respond to immature leaders? Why should spiritually immature leaders be vetted prior to be appointed? Why is it important to be a leader who has a growing maturity? Strong integrity? Right theology? Aligned philosophy?
12. Why are closed-handed theological issues non-negotiable? Why are the open-handed issues in a church also necessary for an elder of that specific church? How and why should you be praying for the elders in your church?
13. What is your greatest take-a-way from this week's message? What do you need to do right now to honor God's Word and His Church?