



1 TIMOTHY

A Field Guide for the Family of God

Your Business is My Business

1 Timothy 5 (ESV)

17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." 19 Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 20 As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.

The Point

As members of God's family, we are called to honor, support, and hold one another accountable in love, ensuring integrity and faithfulness in the church.



Church
LEADERSHIP

Church Leadership

- Church leaders are established by God to serve & lead the church family
- Biblical leadership is about responsibility, service & humility, not privilege & power
- Church leaders are called to rule well & be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching & teaching

Church Leadership

- Jesus exemplified leadership through servanthood, washing His disciples' feet as an example
- The purpose of church leadership is to equip the saints for the work of ministry



BIBLICAL **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Biblical Accountability

- Church members & leaders must be accountable to each other in love & truth
- Accusations against church leaders should be taken seriously but must be confirmed by multiple witnesses
- Leaders who persist in sin must be rebuked publicly as a warning to others

Biblical Accountability

- Discipline is necessary not for punishment, but for restoration & protection of the church family
- As Christians, we are called to encourage, correct & guide one another in truth (“mat carriers”)

(Matthew 18:15-20 ESV)

Fellowship of Believers

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

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18 “Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Fellowship of Believers



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- In God's family, we share in one another's burdens, making each other's business our concern in a godly way
- A true Christian community provides support, encouragement & correction with love & humility
- Jesus demonstrated that He cared deeply about the spiritual & physical well-being of others, calling us to do the same (Matthew 25:35-40 ESV)

Fellowship of Believers

- We are called to speak the truth in love & help each other grow in Jesus
- The Church is not just a building but a body of believers, united in Jesus to serve one another

Practical Applications

- Pray regularly for your church leaders & fellow believers.
- Support your church by encouraging & showing appreciation for those who serve.
- Be involved in a community of believers where accountability is practiced.
- When correcting someone, do so with love, humility & biblical wisdom.

Practical Applications

- Seek guidance & counsel from godly leaders when facing spiritual challenges.
- Show hospitality & kindness to those in your church family.
- Be quick to forgive & slow to judge.
- Always strive to be an example of Christ's love in your words & actions.

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean for the church to function as a family?
- Why is accountability important in the church?
- What are some ways we can encourage and uplift fellow believers?
- How can we balance speaking truth with love when correcting someone?
- How does Jesus' example of servanthood shape our understanding of leadership?



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