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1 Timothy 5:17

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.”

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1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

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1 Peter 5:1-5

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Acts 14:21-23

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Was the establishment of elder rule only for certain churches? Were churches free to create their own ways of governance?

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Titus 1:5

"This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you"

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Philippians 1:1-2

"Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons."

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Acts 20:17-31

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Paul's purpose in life was not self-preservation, but obedience to God.

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Paul led with humility, he lived a holy life, he lived an obedient life, he loved sacrificially, he shared the gospel, he cared for the people, and he taught them the right doctrine.

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If the Holy Spirit makes overseers for churches, then what does it mean if a church does not have overseers?

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Philippians 1:3-5

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1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

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3 John 1:3-4

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Christians are not to sit idly by and delegate ministry to only their leaders, and likewise leaders are not to act as if they are the only ones who can be ministering.

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Even in Hebrews, we have commands given to all of the believers to stir up one another to good works, to exhort and encourage one another, to show hospitality, meet the needs of others, to gather together, and to practice corporate watchfulness against sin.

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Series: Hebrews

Sermon: Hebrews 13:17

1. Read 1 Cor. 16:13-18. This is an interesting passage for it dispels the myth that submissiveness is equal to cowardness. A. Look closely at verse 13 and 16 specifically. List out the behaviors that Paul commands of them.

B. This passage is also interesting because it does not necessarily mention elders, shepherds, or overseers that the Corinthians were to be subject to, but to this household of strong mature believers. How have you been blessed by being subject to more mature believers in your life?

2. Two other types of submission are also in Titus 2:3-5. A. What are they and what are the benefits listed?

How could a wife's non-submission to her husband cause the word of God to be reviled?

B. Is the submission of younger women to older women in the teaching of how to be married and how to raise their children common in our society? Christianity? Why

or why not?

3. Failure to submit to the proper authority was the first sin of Adam and Eve and is still a temptation that must be fought against. The human nature seems to be naturally desirous of autonomy (self-lawed). Can such a high view of self-rule be a danger to the life of a church? How so?

4. Church leadership can affect the health of a church. Most of us have experienced a multitude of styles of leadership over the years. What would be some possible consequences of a church whose leadership was:

A. Too passive to call out false teaching.

B. Too nonconfrontational to call out sin.

C. Too controlling of ministry among the members.

5. Believers are to be actively ministering to other believers. According to 1 Thess. 5:14 what are some things that you should be doing?

