

# Opening Up I Timothy



**“The Care and Support of Pastors”  
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### Acts 20:17, 28 (NKJV)

**17** From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the **elders** of the church.

**28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.





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### **1 Peter 5:1–2 (NKJV)**

**1** The **elders** who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

**2 Shepherd** the flock of God which is among you, serving as **overseers**, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;





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## **1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 (NKJV)**

**12** And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

**13** and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.







## **Hebrews 13:7, 17 (NKJV)**

**7** Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct...

**17** Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.





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## **1 Corinthians 9:3–14 (NKJV)**

**3** My defense to those who examine me is this:

**4** Do we have no right to eat and drink?

**5** Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

**6** Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?





## 1 Corinthians 9:3–14 (NKJV)

7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

8 Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses, “**You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.**” Is it oxen God is concerned about?





## **1 Corinthians 9:3–14 (NKJV)**

**10** Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

**11** If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?





## **1 Corinthians 9:3–14 (NKJV)**

**12** If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

**13** Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?





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**14** Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.







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## Luke 10:7 (NKJV)

7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for **the laborer is worthy of his wages.** Do not go from house to house.







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## **Deuteronomy 19:15 (NKJV)**

**15** “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.







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