
The Compensation of Pastors (1 Timothy 5:17-18)

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his wages."

Who Are the Elders?

- 5:1,2 (older people)
- 5:17,19 (formal positions)
- Ones who teach (3:2 cp. 5:17)
- Synonyms: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Acts 20:17,28
 - Pastor = Overseer = Elder

Observations – This Passage:

1. Assumes Multiple Elders
2. Identifies Degrees of Ability
 - evidenced by time and observation
 - “who rule well” lit. is “who have come to rule well”
 - Proof before pay?
3. Identifies Degrees of Honor
 - “double honor” implies “single honor”
 - some are counted worthy of double honor; others are not
4. Identifies Degrees of Effort
 - Especially those *laboring*...
5. Implies Areas of Emphasis
 - “Who rule well...” vs.
 - “Who rule well ... especially in the area of...”
 - All, but especially (Gal 6:10, Phil 4:22, 1 Tim 5:8, 2 Tim 4:13)
6. Identifies Areas of Focus
 - In word
 - In teaching
7. Gives Two Supporting Passages
 - Deut 25:4 "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain. (See 1 Cor 9:6-14)
 - Profitable Effort Deserves Pay
 - Luke 10:7 "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.
 - Workers Are Worthy of Wages