

November 1, 2015  
Sermon  
Lesson 19  
1 Timothy 5:17-25

**THE CARE AND FEEDING OF ELDERS:  
COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, AND SELECTION**

Main Idea: We must care for our leaders!

- Fair compensation (17-18)
  - Double honor to elders who rule well (17a)
  - Especially those who labor in preaching and teaching (17b)
  - Principle of “fair reciprocity” (18)
  
- Fair discipline (19-21)
  - Protect elders from unfair accusations (19)
  - Rebuke guilty elders publicly (20)
  - Understand the seriousness of impartiality (21)
  
- Deliberate selection (preventive) (22-25)
  - Do not be hasty in the selection process (22a)
  - Don’t take part in the sins of others (22b)
  - Keep yourself pure (23)
  - Give time for character to show itself (24-25)
    - ✦ In sins (24)
    - ✦ In good works (25)

*Applications*

Fairly give our elders “double honor”  
Fairly discipline our elders  
Select our elders slowly!