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Working Together
1 Timothy 5:17-25
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

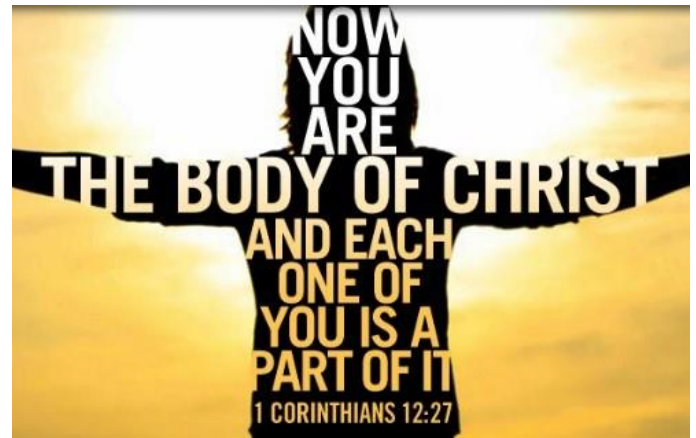
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

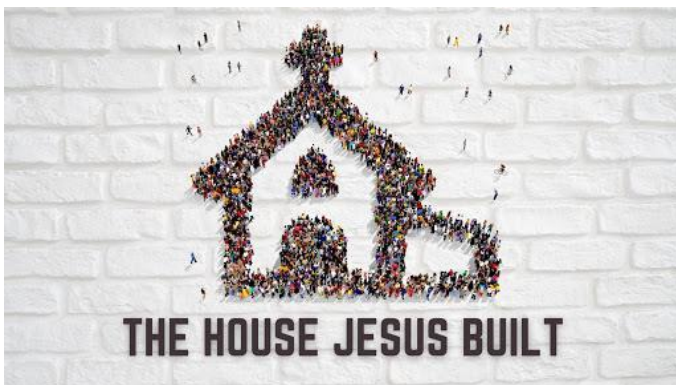
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will cover the end of 1st Timothy 5. In this section Paul tells Timothy how to handle elders. We might find ourselves asking, why would it be a good idea for accusations to require 2 or 3 people when accusing an elder? The answer is closely tied to seeing the importance of the church working together. Paul also knows that it is very easy for Satan to attack the church by attacking its leadership. He seems to set a standard to help keep the church unified. Without good leadership the church will not function well in doing the work of the Kingdom. Join us this week as we talk about the leadership of the church and the importance of the church functioning as a single body.



1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25 NET

17 Elders who provide effective leadership must be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard in speaking and teaching. 18 For the scripture says, “*Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,*” and, “The worker deserves his pay.” 19 Do not accept an accusation against an elder unless it can be confirmed *by two or three witnesses*. 20 Those guilty of sin must be rebuked before all, as a warning to the rest. 21 Before God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, I solemnly charge you to carry out these commands without prejudice or favoritism of any kind. 22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily and so identify with the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. 23 (Stop drinking just water, but use a little wine for your digestion and your frequent illnesses.) 24 The sins of some people are obvious, going before them into judgment, but for others, they show up later. 25 Similarly good works are also obvious, and the ones that are not cannot remain hidden.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. What is needed to accept and accusation against an elder?

9. Is the requirement for 2 or 3 witnesses only for elders? Consider Duet. 19:15. Why is this important?

10. Is verse 20 still talking about elders or is it talking about all sinners?

11. Who is the charge given to in verse 21?

12. Why do you think verse 23 talks about drinking wine?

13. How do verses 24 and 25 relate to verse 22?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. How does the church benefit from being able to respect it's leadership?

15. Paul is asking for all people to respect and honor the church leaders. What would happen if the church leadership was not respected?

16. Being a church leader is not always an easy job. How can our church support our leadership?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes