

1 Timothy  
*The Challenge of Being the Church*  
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I am to honor those who are leaders in the church by:

- supporting them (v 5:17-18)
  - through respecting their work (v 17a; 1 Thess 5:12-13)
  - through providing for some financially (v 17b-18; Deut 25:4; 1 Cor 9:7-12; Luke 10:7)
- protecting them (1 Tim 5:19-21)
  - by testing any accusation against them (v 19; Deut 19:15)
  - by dealing with their sin publicly and impartially (v 20-21; Matt 18:15-17)
- taking time before appointing them to the office (v 5:22-25)
  - It is a serious decision (v 22; Matt 25:21)
  - It requires time and discernment (v 24-25; Num 32:23)

I am to honor those in authority over me outside of the church (v 6:1-2)

- Whether they are are not Christians (v 1; Col 3:17, 22-25)
- Whether they are Christians (v 2; 1 Pet 2:17)

***Making it stick...***

Do you honor your leaders? What are some ways to demonstrate your respect? What does the Scripture indicate honoring church leaders looks like? (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17) \_\_\_\_\_

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Discuss or write out your thoughts these principles from chapter 5: (1) When spiritual leaders do well - pay them well; (2) When spiritual leaders are criticized - give them the benefit of doubt; (3) When spiritual leaders mess up - don't cover up. \_\_\_\_\_

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Is my focus on God or on man? Keeping my focus on God is important. If we place our trust and focus on the spiritual leaders instead of God, we will eventually be disappointed. Have you ever found yourself angry at God for the failings of His servants? How did you regain your focus? Why is that important? \_\_\_\_\_

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