

Lessons In Leadership
“Elders: The Church’s Response”
Selected Scripture

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I am to r e s p o n d to the elders by h o n o r i n g them

(1 Thess 5:12-13)

A proper a t t i t u d e toward elders includes:

- R e s p e c t (5:12)
- E s t e e m / highly r e g a r d them in l o v e (5:13a)
- Live in p e a c e with each other (5:13c)

W h y am I to respond this way?

- Because of the r e s p o n s i b i l i t y of their work (5:13c)

I am to c o n s i d e r how the elders l i v e and m o d e l Christ to me (Hebrews 13:7)

A healthy r e s p o n s e includes:

- R e f l e c t i n g on their l i f e s t y l e
- l i m i t a t i n g their f a i t h

I am to realize that I am s p i r i t u a l l y a c c o u n t a b l e to the elders as they are accountable to G o d (Heb 13:17)

I am to:

- O b e y and s u b m i t to the a u t h o r i t y of the elders (v 17a)
- Not c o m p l i c a t e their tasks by my d i s o b e d i e n c e (v 17b)

If an elder s i n s, he is to be d i s c i p l i n e d the way a n y o n e one else in the church would be (1 Tim 5:19-21)

That means:

- An accusation must be c o n f i r m e d by two or three e y e w i t n e s s e s (v 19; Deut 17:6; Matt 18:16; 2 Cor 13:1)
- They are to be r e b u k e d p u b l i c l y (v 20a; Matt 18:17)
- The church is to gain a proper f e a r of G o d (v 20b)

Living it out....

Respond to the leaders in your church with r e s p e c t and be a c c o u n t a b l e to them so that they may serve with j o y and not be b u r d e n e d by their task.