



## Group Discussion and Application

1. How do you think the compensation of a pastor should be determined?
2. In addition to financial remuneration, suggest some ways elders/pastors may be honored by the church.
3. What happens if the church fails to respect the elders?  
What happens if undue (excessive) honor is given to elders?
4. Have you ever seen a pastor unjustly/falsely accused? What was the result? How should the church respond?
5. What happens if a sinning elder is not corrected/disciplined?
6. What practical safeguards should a church take in identifying elders?
7. What kind of examination should a prospective elder undergo?
8. What can the church do to more effectively prepare/train elders?
9. How can a congregation get to know its elders personally?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. What is your own relationship to the leaders of the church?
2. What can you do to know and minister to your church leaders more personally?
3. What personal action will you take in response to today's study?



## Family Homework

1. What are some of the unique challenges and temptations of church leaders?
2. Who are the elders of our church? What are some of their personal needs?  
How might you encourage and minister personally to the elders?
3. Pray specifically for each of the elders of our church.



# Pastoral Care

1 Timothy 5:17-25

*Five actions to provide proper care for the elders of the church.*

**1** Caring \_\_\_\_\_ [17-18]

**2** Cautious \_\_\_\_\_ [19]

**3** Clear \_\_\_\_\_ [20-21]

**4** Careful \_\_\_\_\_ [22, 24-25]

**5** Compassionate \_\_\_\_\_ [23]