

# More About Church Leaders

## *1 Timothy 5.17-25*

- **good leadership is vital**  
**Acts 14.21-23; 1 Tim 3.1-13**
- **the terms used**  
**elder – Jewish – maturity 5.17**  
**overseer – Greek – function 3.1**
- **the task described v17**  
**presiding over, directing 3.4**
- **a shared responsibility v17**
- **leaders are to be honoured v17**  
**highly regarded 1 Thess 5.12-13;**  
**obeyed 1 Pet 2.17; Heb 13.17**
- **different callings v17**  
**all must be able to teach 3.2**  
**some do so as their ‘job’**

## 1. Paying Church Leaders, vs 17-18

- **an entitlement for specialists**

***Dt 25.4; 1 Cor 9.4-12***  
***Lk 10.1-7; Gal 6.6; 2 Chron 31.4***

## **2. Criticising Church Leaders, vs 19-21**

- ***don't tolerate petty quibbles v19***
- ***check out all the facts***  
***Mat 18.15-17; Dt 19.15***
- ***correct wrongdoers 2 Tim 2.25-26***
- ***rebuke the unrepentant v20***
- ***never pre-judge, show favour v21***  
***Acts 10.34; James 2.9***

## **3. Appointing Church Leaders, v22**

- ***take your time v22***
- ***be discerning vs 24-25***  
***first impressions can be deceptive***
- ***test potential leaders first 3.6,10***

## **4. Nurturing Church Leaders, vs22-23**

- ***keep yourself fit v23; 3.3,8***
- ***don't follow the crowd v22***
- ***keep yourself pure v22; Mat 5.8***