



***Titus: The Hope For Our Community
Message 8 - Respect Your Pastors***

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Titus 2:15

These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you. NIV

1 Timothy 5:17-25

¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning. ²¹ I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism. ²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. ²³ Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. ²⁴ The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. ²⁵ In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden. NIV

Be Fair to Your Pastors

1. In Finances (*verses 17, 18*)
2. In Judgment (*verses 19-24*)

Pray For Your Pastors

The Three P's of Pastoral Prayer

Key Truth: Pastors are called by God to say things that are unpopular.