

1. Honor them respectfully 5:17

- A. Honoring respectfully involves [compensating](#) fairly.
- The word honor generally refers to respect or regard... and can include [financial](#) support. Paul is making the point that part of honoring respectfully is compensating fairly.
 - To support his point Paul cites two Scriptures:
Deut 25:4, "Don't muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," also cited in 1 Cor. 9:9
Luke 10:7, where Jesus said "The laborer is worthy of his wages."
➤ He also makes this point in 1 Cor. 9:3-14
- B. Honoring respectfully involves [appreciating](#) and esteeming. 1 Thes 5:12-13
- C. Honoring respectfully involves obeying and [submitting](#). Hebrews 13:7, 17

2. Protect them fairly (reasonably) 5:18

- A. Protecting fairly involves separating valid accusations from false ones. An accusation should be considered (investigated) if two or three witnesses testify to it.
- B. This principle comes from the Law God gave to Moses. Deut 19:15-20
Why is this necessary?
- C. Protecting fairly involves recognizing the reality that being a leader makes you a [target](#).

3. Rebuke them justly 5:20

- A. Rebuking justly involves confrontation and correction according to [Jesus'](#) guidelines.
- B. Rebuking justly involves public censure if the elder does not repent.
- C. Rebuking justly involves public censure so that others will be fearful of sinning. ([deterrent](#))

4. Treat them impartially 5:21

- A. Treating impartially means no favoritism, no partiality, no preferential treatment, following these principles without bias.
- B. Treating impartially takes [courage](#).
- C. Treating impartially requires valuing [integrity](#) over popularity.

Message

Our church's purity is heaven's priority.

So What? Now What? Action Points:

- Leaders must set a good example, the right example, in every area.
- Leaders must be willing to listen to concerns when raised, and must be open to make correction if necessary.
- The people of our church should follow the example of such leaders by being themselves good examples to others, who are teachable and open to correction.