

# The Responsibility and Honor of Elders



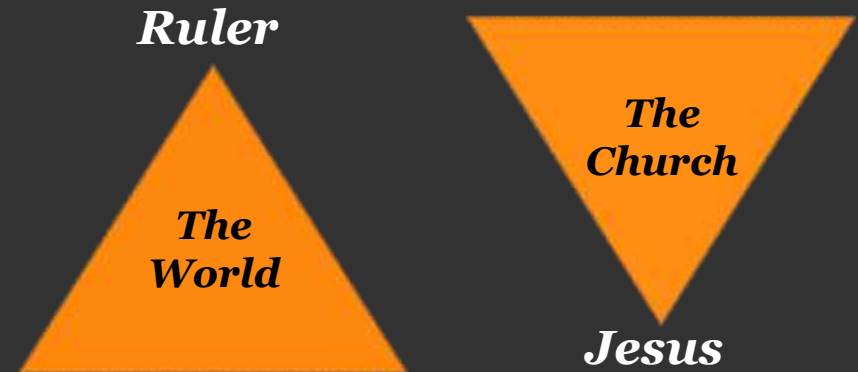
*I Timothy 5:17-25*

# The “Dimaryp” Scheme



- the opposite of the world

- *Philippians 2:5-9*
- *Mark 9:35, 10:44*



- plurality of elders

- lead flock in submission by example, in submitting to each other
- balance of vision and administration
- sharing the burden
- accountability
- example in the early church (*Acts 14:23, James 5:14, etc.*)

# The Responsibility of an Elder



1. (v17) rule well
  - *Hebrews 13:17*
  - first command is to those submitting
  - elders then have responsibility for those who submit to them
2. (v19) live above reproach; the greater judgment
  - the example of Moses
  - do not receive any individual's accusation of an elder
3. (v20) instill the fear of God by rebuking sin

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4. (v21) be impartial
  - especially with regard to rich vs poor (*James 2:1-13*)
5. (v22) keep free from every appearance sin
6. (v23) don't be legalistic
  - in preaching holiness, the danger is in becoming too legalistic
7. (v24-25) fight against every form of hypocrisy

# The Honor of an Elder



- elders considered worthy of *double* honor / wage
- *I Corinthians 9*
- permission
  - (v13-14) those who preach the gospel can live from it
- obligation
  - (v12,15) we do not use this right
  - (v12) we cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ
  - (v17) we are under compulsion, as having stewardship