



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 1 Timothy 5v17-25

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

[The ESV is highly recommended for accuracy in Bible study.]

- V 17 This new group of believers in the local church denotes a natural division in the Bible text. **What** are the characteristics of this group ? (There are five !) Is a biblical Elder the "Pastor" who is expected to preach all the time ?
- V 18 **How** can we give "double honor" to an Elder who also preaches and teaches ? Should Elders who do not "labour in the Word" (Php2v16) be salaried ?
- V 19 **When** should we seriously question an Elder about his words and/or actions ? Is it enough to hear complaints or must there be evidence ?
- V 20 **Why** do Elders' sins need to be exposed publicly when others do not ? (cf Mt18v15 & 1Pe4v8) Is this "fear" just "respect" as many claim it to be ?

V 21 **Where** is the "court" held for church leaders? Are there "rules of law" in this court?

V 22 "Laying on of hands" has been described as passing the torch OR sharing the responsibility with someone else. **Which** is it, according to this text? Can we just "pass the buck" like companies and politicians do?

V 23 This parenthesis is a practical illustration of the topic at hand. **Do you think** Paul was getting "flack" from his having laid hands on Timothy who needed to drink wine for his health?

V 24 **What** kinds of sins are very visible? Are there any sins that will always be hidden?

V 25 **Why** is this promise encouraging? Many Elders labor all their life without either kind of honor, but is it in vain? (cf 1Cor15v58)

In **summary** of this book's revelation of God's will for a local church: Is there any mention of "Trustees" or "Members" or "the Pastor" or "buildings"? Is it perhaps time for a revival and return to the biblical principles of how to meet with the Lord's people?