

## **Your Highest Priority > 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2**

**5:17-18** Just as Paul wrote of honoring widows, now he writes of honoring those who build the church up through preaching and teaching, which is worth the support of God's people.

**5:19-20** Yet this same overseer must be faithful. Accusations should not be entertained unless they are well grounded with factual witnesses. When those accusations are found to be true, a leader of God's people must be held accountable.

**5:21-23** Timothy is to live according to these teachings, though they won't be popular. Part of that will involve being patient and thoughtful with who is placed into leadership.

**5:24-25** The goal behind not moving too quickly is because the Lord often uses time to reveal reality.

**6:1-2** Widows, overseers, and now those who are bond-servants. Contrary to what we might think, their highest priority isn't freedom, but instead it is their Christian witness and the Lord's glory.

**Context:** Paul's examples about how the family of God should live continue by speaking of overseers and bond-servants.

**Aim:** God's people must see that their highest priority is His honor – not their own, not their opinions, not their desires.

**Gospel:** Christ is not only worthy of all honor, but He also perfectly exemplified what it is to be a servant. We must ask the Spirit to make us like our Master.

**Applications:** How can you better honor church leaders? How will you honor God when life doesn't go "according to plan"?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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