*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy*

**Remaining Faithful**

*1 Timothy 5:17-25*

*Related Scriptures: Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Corinthians 9:6-14; Acts 5:1-11; Proverbs 9:10;*

 *2 Thessalonians 1:3-10*

*Opening Thoughts:*

*Four different responses to the leaders in Christ’s church God calls you to:*

I.  **Respect those who rule well** (vs. 17-18)

II. **Reject an accusation if there are no witnesses** (vs. 19)

III.  **Rebuke** **publicly those who are caught in sin** (vs. 20-21)

IV. **Refuse appointing a man too quickly** (vs. 22-25)

* **Points to Ponder**
1. Consider how much the Lord wants to protect His church from the influence of sin. Are you that serious about sin? As you consider your own holiness, are you courageous and careful about dealing with sin in your own life and the lives of others?
2. Consider how significant it is that Paul calls upon three witnesses to validate his charge: God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the angels of heaven. What does this mean for the leaders of Christ’s church? What does this mean for you personally?
3. What does it mean that some sins are quite evident but other sins follow later? What does this mean to you as far as your ability to see your own sin? What is God’s answer?