# Pastors and Slaves 1 Timothy 5:17–6:2

"You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." (Deuteronomy 25:4)

## Pastor Pay (1 Timothy 5:17–18)

"And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house." (Luke 10:7)

"As he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures." (2 Peter 3:16)

#### Pastor Discipline (1 Timothy 5:19–21)

"On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness." (Deuteronomy 17:6)

#### Pastor Selection (1 Timothy 5:22-25)

"He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil." (1 Timothy 3:6)

#### Slaves (1 Timothy 6:1-2)

"Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings." (1 Corinthians 7:21–23)

"The sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine." (1 Timothy 1:10)

"And Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42–45)

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

Notes			

### **Discuss**

- How do the encouragements of 1 Timothy 5:17–6:2 apply to Christians in the workplace?
- What is it important for a church family to have a shared understanding of issues like pastor pay, pastor discipline, and pastor selection?
- Why might congregations be tempted to partiality when it comes to holding people accountable for their sin?

#### Read

Matthew 18:15–20; Luke 10:1–12; 1 Corinthians 9:8–12; Titus 2:1–15

#### Pray

- Pray that God will help our members to honor the Lord in their workplaces.
- Pray that God will protect us from being in the situation of having to publicly rebuke pastors who have sinned.
- Pray that God will help us select the right people to serve in leadership in our congregation, especially as pastors.

#### **Announcements**

- Prayer Room (Steve and Miriam Christy): starting April 3 at 9:30am
- Exploring Membership (Sundays): March 27, April 3, 10, and 17 at 9:30–10:30am
- Men's Breakfast: April 9 at 8:00am
- Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday: April 10, 15, and 17
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Goal of \$4,500