

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## *Loving Leaders*

### *I Timothy 5:17-25*

*How do we conduct ourselves among each other **as The Body of Christ?***

*God is not silent*

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*Having leaders presupposes followers*

*We live in a world that does not want to follow, and freely discards leaders who don't retain their approval*

*Yet **God has appointed leaders** in His church:*

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." **Ephesians 4:11-12***

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*God has done His part and instructs us how to do ours*

*Our first job is to follow **God authored leaders who follow Him***

*A leader's first job is to **set an example** by following Christ's example*

*Godly leaders **don't tell** people how to live **without demonstrating it***

*Jesus lived **John 1:18** among us, as one of us*

*He calls His leaders to do the same – **John 20:21***

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***Vs. 17** – "Elders who rule well"*

*How do they do that?*

***1)** As Christ did – **among**, not above; **showing** first, before telling*

Does a leader's life  
authenticate his words?

## 2) From **God's Word**

Do the leader's words **come  
from God's?**

What is **our response?**

To honor them highly

### **How?**

Genuine love, respect, believing  
the best about them

The language includes financial  
compensation

**Vs. 18**, For the Scripture says, "You  
shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out  
the grain," and, "The laborer deserves  
his wages."

### **Why?**

God wants them unencumbered in  
**pursuing Him** so they can lead the  
body well.

**Vs. 19**, "Do not **admit** a charge  
against an elder except on the **evidence**  
of two or three witnesses."

Unsubstantiated rumor and  
gossip are **cancer in The Body!**

**Ephesians 4:11-16** - Build up  
(strengthen) the body.

**Vs. 20**, "As for those who **persist**  
in sin"

Who? Leaders

When the process of **Matthew 18**  
has not produced repentance

God's goal is **ALWAYS** repentance  
and restoration – **ALWAYS!**

If leaders don't lead in that, who  
can we follow?

**Vs. 21** – Before God and  
**EVERYONE...**

Show no preference to **ANYONE.**

**Vs. 22**, "Do not be hasty in the **laying**  
**on of hands**, nor take part in **the sins**  
**of others**"

Be thorough **before appointing**  
**someone** as a leader

Leaders are **accountable among**  
**each other** and share a **common**  
**testimony**

They are **responsible together** for  
their example before the body

“keep yourself pure.”

*So you can lead and call others to purity before God **together**.*

*Ignoring sin is as **Great Shame** among the church!*

## ***I Corinthians 5***

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***Vs. 23, Instruction to an individual by someone who knew him.***

*This is not blanket authorization for everyone*

*God’s Word also says, “**Do not be drunk.**”*

*We are also told to abstain from anything that would be a hindrance to someone else. Our rights **never come at someone else’s expense.***

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***Vs. 24-25,***

*We can easily fool everyone but God. **Nothing stays hidden.***

*So **live right openly** before Him and everyone else.*