

## 1 Timothy 5:17-25

**One Point: Be who you appear to be**

1. What is the definition of a faker?

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### Read v. 17-20

1. How do you feel when you know someone respects you? Doesn't respect you?
2. Appreciation - What is the church's responsibility toward its elders? What are some ways you have seen others appreciate their elders?
3. Fairness - According to verses 19-20, how should a church handle accusations against an elder? Does this benefit the church? Why or why not?
4. Read Matt 18:15-20, how does this compare with verse 19? Does this method really work?

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### Read v. 21-25

1. Impartiality – Paul tells Timothy to “do nothing out of favoritism.” What are some signs that show when you are playing favorites?
2. Caution - How does not being hasty with your decisions keep you pure?
3. Discernment – How are we supposed to have discernment in the church when Paul even says that some sins are hidden and some good deeds are hidden? How do we determine who is having integrity and who isn't?
4. What do you need to do in order to be who you appear to be?

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## What I will be talking about

5 qualities to have integrity within the church:

- Appreciation (affirming outstanding performance) v. 17
- Fairness (not listening to unsubstantiated accusations) v. 19
- Impartiality (avoiding all favoritism) v. 21
- Caution (not reaching hasty decisions) v. 22
- Discernment (looking beyond the outward appearance to the heart) v. 24-25

Whenever these principles are in operation, mistakes will be avoided, the church will be preserved in peace and love, and God's name will be protected from dishonor.

**Integrity - Being who you appear to be**