



## How to Treat Church Leaders

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1. Churches have always struggled with infighting. Why do you think this is?
2. Paul's instructions for church leaders goes beyond qualifications to how churches should treat their leaders. Adam mentioned five things from our passage in 1 Timothy:
  - a. When they do well, pay them well
  - b. When they're criticized, give them the benefit of the doubt
  - c. When they mess up, don't cover up
  - d. When a friend is in the wrong, don't give them a pass
  - e. When you choose one, take your time

Were any of these biblical principles new to you?

3. Think about the five takeaway questions and share which one is the most challenging for you:
  - a. Am I generous or stingy to God's church?
  - b. Do I choose to believe the best about others or listen to gossip?
  - c. Am I willing to lovingly confront sin with other believers in a biblical way?
  - d. Even when the person sinning is a friend of mine?
  - e. Am I willing to be patient about becoming a leader in the church or will I get upset when I don't get the position I want?
4. Of the five questions above, how could one of them become a prayer request for you?