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²¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

²² Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.

²³ (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.)

²⁴ The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later.

²⁵ So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

**What is the Church's
Responsibility to Its
Pastors?**

Three Musts

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**What Does "Double Honor" Mean?
Two-Fold Meaning of the Word "Honor."**

- **Honor** = Respect, Esteem, Regard
A Judge – "Your Honor"
The Governor – "Hon. Brian Kemp"
See 1 Thess. 5:12-13 & Heb. 13:17
- **Honor** = Fair Payment for Labor
"Honor Widows"
See 1 Cor. 9:7-14 & 2 Cor. 11:8

Financial or Material "Honor" is Illustrated Two Ways.

- **A Laborer's Wages** – Jesus, Luke 10:7
- **A Muzzled Ox** – God, Deut. 25:4
Echoed in 1 Cor. 9:9

Protect the Pastor.

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Why is This Special Protection Needed?

1. Pastors Don't Always Make Friends.
2. Pastors Become Objects of Unhealthy Admiration.
3. Pastors Can Be Targets for Those Who Want to See the Righteous Fall.

Purify the Pastor.

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Look in Your Bible at All of V.20-25.

How Do We Preserve a Pastor's Purity?

1. Warn Him about Sin & Error.
2. Public Accountability for Unrepentance
3. Beware of Pre-Judgment & Partiality.
4. Don't Bestow the Office Too Quickly.
 - Makes You an Accessory to Their Sin
 - Causes You to Miss Important Character Cues

We Are Often Tempted to Bring Sacred Things Low.

We Can't Do that to Our Leaders in the Church.

We Can't Do That with Jesus.
