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*Hebrews 13:7-17*

Introduction: Too many Christians thrive on a diet of roasted preachers and stewed elders. Yet, respect is necessary to help our elders accomplish their work in the congregation. Here are some ways in which the church is to respect her elders.

- I. **Regard Them** 1 Thessalonians 5:12
  - A. Know them by name
  - B. Understand the task they have
  
- II. **Esteem Them** 1 Thessalonians 5:13
  - A. Not worship them, but treat them as a father
  - B. Recognize the hours & responsibilities of their task
  
- III. **Submit To Them** Hebrews 13:17
  - A. Follow them in the Will of God
  - B. Give them the benefit of the doubt
  
- IV. **Protect Them** 1 Timothy 5:19
  - A. Don't openly discuss your frustrations with them
  - B. When you must, do it in the proper manner
  
- V. **Equip Them**, 1 Timothy 5:20
  - A. Elders doing their job will often have enemies
  - B. If not about morals or doctrine, keep away
  
- VI. **Copy Them** Hebrews 13:7
  - A. Follow them in their faith and lifestyle
  - B. Look to them in attendance, service, study, patience
  
- VII. **Tell Them** James 5:14
  - A. The power of prayer is immeasurable
  - B. Allow them to help you get to heaven