

Exceptions: 1 Timothy 5?

Jdg 17:10-18:6

1 Tim 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of **double honour**, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.
18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

Double Honor:

1Tim. 5:3 **Honour** widows that are widows indeed.

1Tim. 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of **all honour**, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

Muzzling the Ox: Deut 25:4



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The Labourer:

Luke 10:4 Carry **neither purse**, nor scrip [bag] ... 5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. 7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for **the labourer is worthy of his hire**. Go not from house to house.

Our Lord's Warning

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 **But he that is an hireling,** and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Micah consecrated the Levite ...

Num 18:6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you they are given as a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. 7 Therefore thou **[Aaron] and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office** for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office unto you as a service of gift: and **the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.**

Heb 5:4 And **no man taketh this honour unto himself,** but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

Judges 18:1

18 In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

- What sort of situation was the tribe of Dan in?



The Migration of Dan (Judges 18)

Jos 19:47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

Jdg 1:34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:



Dan's Interview with the Levite

3 The voice/sound קול H6963
of the Levite:

Ex 28:34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. 35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound קול shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

How the Levite answered the Danites, 18:4:

Who brought thee? Micah
What hast thou? He hired me
What doest thou? I am his priest

If the Levite had asked the Danites:

Who brought you? Jdg 11:24 Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

What are you doing? Deut 13:6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; ... 9 ... thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; ...

What do you have? Jos 18:3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

18:5-6, Asking Counsel of the Lord

The precedent:

Jdg 1:1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

18:6, the non-answer: “before the Lord is your way”

Gen. 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Prov. 5:21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

Later examples of religious consumerism:

Isa 30:9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: 10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, **speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:** 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will **not endure sound doctrine;** but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having **itching ears;**

2 Thes 2:10 they received not the **love of the truth ...**