

Third, we have elders who are worthy of honor, and we have elders who are worthy of double honor

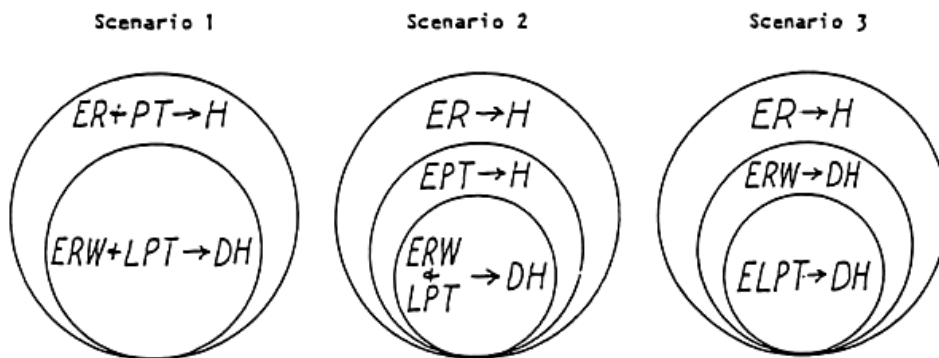


Combining the separate features of the text yields the following scenarios:

Scenario 1 -- Elders who rule and preach and teach are to be given honor. Elders who rule well and labor in preaching and teaching are to be given double honor.

Scenario 2 -- Elders who rule are to be given honor. Elders who preach and teach are to be given honor. Elders who rule well and labor in preaching and teaching are to be given double honor.

Scenario 3 -- Elders who rule are to be given honor. Elders who rule well are to be given double honor. Elders who labor in preaching and teaching are to be given double honor.



Scenario 3 would seem to best fit the text. The text singles out those who labor in preaching and teaching as a distinct group. Laboring in preaching and teaching suggests occupation. It is the occupation of these elders to preach and teach.