

“WHAT IS A PASTOR'S DUTY, AND HOW ARE YOU TO RESPOND?”

(1 Thessalonians 5:12-15)

I. PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL EXPLANATIONS (1:2-3:13)

II. PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS. (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations about GENERAL CONDUCT. (4:1-2)

B. Exhortations about SEXUAL PURITY. (4:3-8)

C. Exhortations about BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)

D. Exhortations In View of the BLESSED HOPE. (4:13-18)

E. Exhortations In View of the DAY OF THE LORD. (5:1-11)

F. Exhortations for CHURCH HARMONY and GROWTH. (5:12-15)

1. Your Responses to Your SPIRITUAL LEADERS. (5:12-13)

a. The *request* of these verses is one of a _____... “and we urge you, brethren.”

b. The *responsibilities* of your *spiritual leaders* involve...

1) _____... “who labor among you.”

* Is pastoral ministry demanding work?

* Is pastoral ministry an “ivory tower” occupation?

* Is pastoral work ideally a “one-man” ministry?

2) _____... “are over you in the Lord.”

* What sphere does this involve?

* What does this pre-suppose?

* How are elders and deacons different?

3) _____ ... “*and admonish you.*”

* What does this involve?

* Does your sin nature like this?

c. The *responses* toward your *spiritual leaders* are...

1) to _____ them... “*to recognize them.*”

* What does this involve?

2) to _____ them... “*to esteem them.*”

* What are 2 ways to do this? (1 Timothy 5:17-18)

* To what degree is this to be done?

d. The *result* of heeding this is to keep on being _____ among yourselves.

* Is it important to preserve peace in the local assembly?

* How does this apply to you?