

## “FRICTION AND GROWTH IN THE LOCAL CHURCH”

(1 Thessalonians 5:14-15)

### 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.*”
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_... “*are over you in the Lord.*”
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_... “*and admonish you.*”
- c. The *responses* toward your *spiritual leaders* are...
  - 1) to \_\_\_\_\_ them... “*to recognize them.*”
  - 2) to \_\_\_\_\_ them... “*to esteem them.*”
- d. The *result* of heeding this is to keep on being \_\_\_\_\_ among yourselves.

#### 2. Your Responses to OTHERS. (5:14-15)

- a. *Three principles* to remember:
  - 1) God assumes that you have \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to others believers within your local church.

2) The local church is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ of believers.

3) The \_\_\_\_\_ church body is to be involved in the church's \_\_\_\_\_.

b. *Six applications* to consider:

1) “\_\_\_\_\_ *those who are* \_\_\_\_\_.”

2) “\_\_\_\_\_ *the* \_\_\_\_\_.”

\* What does this entail?

3) “\_\_\_\_\_ *the* \_\_\_\_\_.”

\* What does this include?

4) “*be* \_\_\_\_\_ *with* \_\_\_\_\_.”

5) “*See that no one renders* \_\_\_\_\_ *for* \_\_\_\_\_ *to anyone.*”

\* How should you handle wrong-doing?

6) “*but always pursue what is* \_\_\_\_\_.”

\* How do you determine this?

\* Who does this apply to?