

## DESIRED HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE FLOCK (1 Thessalonians 5:12-15) pt.2

- I. HIS PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL HISTORY WITH THE CHURCH (1:2-3:13)
- II. HIS PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH (4:1-5:24)

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

#### 1. Harmony with regards to spiritual leadership.

a. Paul's **1st request** concerning harmony in the church was that believer's **recognize** local church leadership and see their \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ in the body... "*recognize those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord.*"

- What is it about them you are to recognize or take note of?

1) Their hard \_\_\_\_\_... "*which labor among you...*" (5:12a)

\* Where do they to labor?

a) \_\_\_\_\_you (5:12a)

b) \_\_\_\_\_you in the Lord (5:12b)

\* What are these spiritual leaders called biblically?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (poimen)--literally means a *shepherd*.

The phrase "pastor-teacher" emphasizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of these spiritual leaders.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (presbuteros)—literally meant aged men.

The term "elder" emphasizes the needed \_\_\_\_\_ of the spiritual leaders.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ (episkopos)-- Their responsibility was to " \_\_\_\_\_ " the affairs of a church.

The term "bishop" was used to underscore the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the spiritual leaders who were to act as overseers regarding the spiritual care of the local church.

4) deacon (diakonos)— literally, a \_\_\_\_\_)

\* Spiritual leaders are first \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD, but also \_\_\_\_\_ of the people the Lord has placed them over.

- What are spiritual leaders to labor about? They were to labor ....
- 1) By proclaiming the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's grace to the lost and to the saved (Rom 1:16-17 & 2 Tim. 4:5)

- 2) By \_\_\_\_\_ the truths of God's word to God's people (2 Tim 2:15, 3:16-17, 4:2)
- 3) By \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep concerning false teachers from without and those from within (Acts 20)
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ the saints via scriptural principles. ( Prov. 27:6, 9, 17)

b. The second responsibility of the spiritual leader is to \_\_\_\_\_ the flock. (5:12c)

\*Admonition has two sides to it:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ —teaching that drives the point home so that believers will incorporate & walk in the truth of God's word
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ —teaching that warns of severe consequences of a certain teaching or life styles & urges them to turn from sin and error to serve the living and true God. (Titus 1:9; Eph 4:17-32; 1 Thess. 4:1-9)

- What should it mean to you when you are *admonished*?

c. The **2<sup>nd</sup> request** concerning harmony and growth in the church was that these believers were to \_\_\_\_\_ their spiritual leaders.(5:13a)

\* What are two ways to esteem spiritual leaders? (1 Tim 5:17-18)

\* What should that mean to you, the believer in Christ here at GGBC?

d. Lastly, Paul commands all believers to be \_\_\_\_\_ among yourselves! (5:13b)

\* Is it important to preserve peace and have harmony in the local assembly? (Eph 4:1-3)

\* How can this ultimately be done?

**Amos 3:3**

**Psalm 133:1**

- What does all this mean to you?