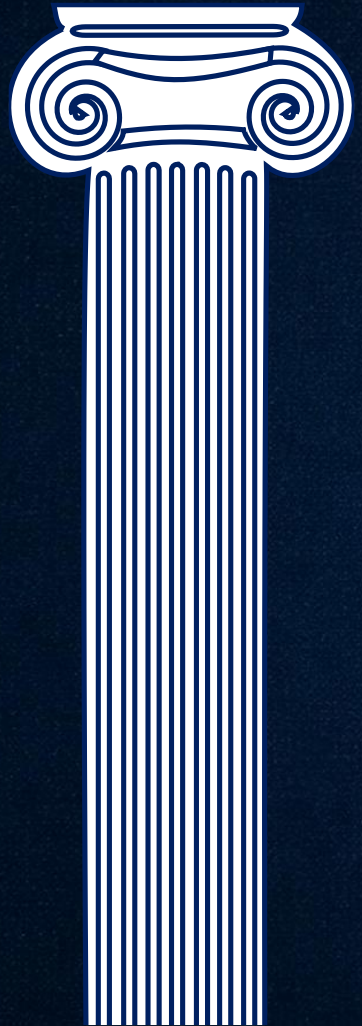


1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

Living for Christ's Return



Spiritual Leadership

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6



[1]For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. [2] But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6



3 For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6



5 For we never came with words of flattery, as
you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is
witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people,
whether from you or from others, though we
could have made demands as apostles of
Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6



Because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

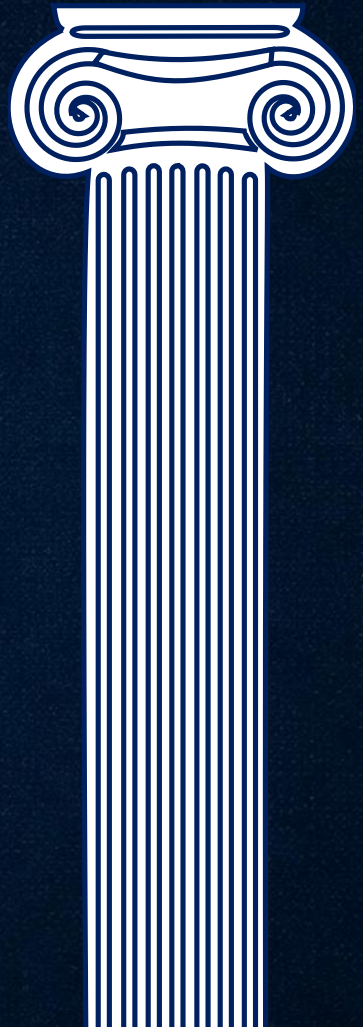


PASTORAL LONGEVITY

Average years at one church = 6

Reasons for leaving…

Conflict – 23%
Burnout – 22%
Poor fit – 17%
Family – 12%
Illness – 5%
Finances – 3%
Were not prepared – 4%
Forced out – 7%



16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were
met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and
brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17
She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men
are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to
you the way of salvation.”

Acts 16:16-24



18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.

Acts 16:16-24



20 And when they had brought them to the
magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and
they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate
customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to
accept or practice.” 22 The crowd joined in
attacking them, and the magistrates tore the
garments off them and gave orders to beat them
with rods.

Acts 16:16–24



[23] And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. [24] Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:16-24



[1] This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. [2] Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. [3] But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

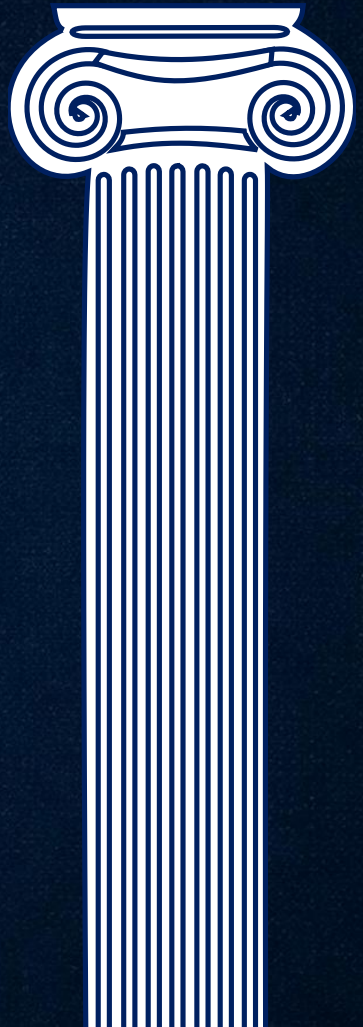


4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I
am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges
me. 5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before
the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to
light the things now hidden in darkness and will
disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one
will receive his commendation from God.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5



SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP



Tenacity
Integrity
Authority
Accountability
Humility



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