

Key Scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 12
- Ephesians 4:2-6
- 1 Corinthians 1:10
- 2 Samuel 22:50
- Psalms 34:3
- 1 Timothy 3:1-4
- 1 Peter 5:2-3
- Ephesians 6:19-20
- Philippians 3:17

Where do you stand? It's a question that can carry different meanings, but in the context of the church, do you stand **up front**, do you **stand** behind, or do you stand **in the middle**? The next three weeks will examine the importance of all these positions, and how their unique functions, working together, foster an incredible sense of unity within the body of Christ. Listen to each of these role descriptions over coming weeks, then ask yourself again: Where do I stand?

EXPECTATIONS FOR THOSE IN FRONT

1. Those in front must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 15:20 NIV**  
It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

2. Those in front must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 15:30-32 NIV**  
I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

3. Those in front must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 3:17 NIV**  
Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.



4. Those not in front must \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 15:14 NIV**  
I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

CHALLENGE:

As you learn more about these three positions, consider where you fit!