



1 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 30

Living Blameless Within The Church - Part 3

Relationships Require Responsibility

“The Ministry No One Wants” - 1 Thessalonians 5:14

INTRODUCTION

Responsibilities Within The Church

- The church’s responsibility toward its leaders. v. 12-13
- The church’s responsibility toward one another. v.14-15

All believers are responsible to admonish those who are leading an undisciplined, disorderly life.

1. TO ADMONISH OTHERS, WE NEED TO OVERCOME SOME COMMON EXCUSES.

- “I’m afraid to do that sort of thing!”
- “I don’t want to be judgmental.”
- “Who am I to correct someone else when I’ve got my own issues?”
- “We need to be tolerant and loving.”

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:
How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
How can I accomplish this change?
What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

- “Maybe the problem will go away on its own.”
- “Maybe the elders or someone else should do it. I’m just not good at this sort of thing!”

2. TO ADMONISH CORRECTLY, WE NEED TO DISCERN THE OTHER PERSON’S SPIRITUAL CONDITION AND UNDERSTAND WHAT ADMONITION IS.

To admonish correctly...

- we need to discern the other person’s spiritual condition.
- We need to understand what admonition is.

admonish – *noutheteō* - strongly encourage, correct, or warn someone to change from behavior that is wrong or potentially wrong according to Scripture.

3. TO ADMONISH OTHERS, WE NEED TO BE PRAYERFUL, HUMBLE, CHRISTLIKE, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OF GOD’S WORD.

- To admonish others, be prayerful.
- To admonish others, be humble.
- To admonish others, be Christlike.
- To admonish others, know God’s word.

4. TO ADMONISH OTHERS, WE MUST BE PASSIONATE, PERSONAL, PERSISTENT, PURPOSEFUL, AND PREVENTATIVE.

- To admonish others be passionate.
- To admonish others be personal.
- To admonish others be persistent.
- To admonish others be purposeful.
- To admonish others be preventative.