



# 1 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 29 Living Blameless Within The Church - Part 2 Relationships Require Responsibility - 1 Thess 5:12-15

### 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

The local church and its leaders have mutual responsibilities in the Lord.

### 1. CHURCH LEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ...

• To Work Diligently In The Church

*"labor"* - *kopiaō* - means to exhibit great effort and exertion, to the point of sweat and exhaustion.

#### 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?

## • To Have Charge Over The Church In The Lord

*"are over" - proistēmi -* means "to stand before" and conveys the notion of authoritatively presiding, leading, or directing.

## • To Admonish The Church

"admonish" – *nouthete* $\bar{o}$  - refers not merely to academic data imparted impersonally but to instruction for the purpose of correcting and changing people.

## 2. THE CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE TO...

#### • To Know Its Leaders

"respect" - oida - means to know by experience

## • To Esteem Its Leaders Very Highly In Love

"esteem" - hegeomai - means to think or consider.

### • To Live In Peace With One Another