



1 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 31 Living Blameless Within The Church - Part 4 Relationships Require Responsibility "Ministering with Sensitivity and Love" 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

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 Lord wants us to minister sensitively to one another and live lovingly in the church and in the world.

1. THE LORD WANTS US TO MINISTER SENSITIVELY TO ONE ANOTHER. – 5:14

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? Paul mentions four aspects of sensitive ministry:

- A. Admonish The Unruly
- **B. Encourage The Fainthearted**
 - This ministry must be personal.
 - This ministry should be done with concern and love.
 - This ministry should be done with the goal of maturity in Christ.
 - This ministry should direct the discouraged person to the hope and promises of God's word.
- C. Help The Weak
- D. Be Patient With Everyone

2. THE LORD WANTS US TO LIVE LOVINGLY IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE WORLD. - 5:15 A. Negatively - Love Never Retaliates For Wrongs Suffered.

B. Positively - Love Seeks The Highest Good Of Others, Namely, That God Would Be Glorified In Their Lives.