



1 Thessalonians: *Living in Light of Christ's Return*

Part 7: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

Introduction

- (1) Living with your church leaders
- (2) Living with your fellow church members
- (3) Living in step with Holy Spirit

Living with your church leaders

❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

How a congregation ought to treat their leaders

1. Respect them

- ❖ Hebrews 13:17—*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*

2. Esteem them highly in love

- Pray
 - ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:25—*Brothers, pray for us.*
- Encourage
- Be faithful

What church leaders/elders do for their people

1. They work hard

- ❖ 1 Timothy 5:17—*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching*
- ❖ Hebrews 13:17—*...keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account*

2. Their work is to lead

3. Their work is to admonish when necessary

- ❖ Galatians 6:1—*Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.*



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Living with your fellow church members(13b-15)

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How to live with particular kinds of people

1. Admonish the idle

❖ 2 Thessalonians 3:10—*If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.*

2. Encourage the fainthearted

❖ James 1:2-4—*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing*

3. Help the weak

How to live with all your fellow believers

1. Be at peace with one another

❖ Ephesians 4:26—*do not let the sun go down on your anger*

2. Be patient with them all (all of the above)

3. Take no vengeance seek to do good to everyone

❖ Romans 12:19—*Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*