

1 Thessalonians
Lesson 15

Women of Grace

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Church Harmony
1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15

But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, — 1 Thessalonians 5:12

1. What 3 things does Paul point out about elders/pastors?

a. What is Paul requesting of the Thessalonians?

2. What are the qualifications of an elder/pastor?

3. What are the responsibilities of an elder/pastor? Or from the following verses what are the responsibilities of an elder/pastor?

a. 2 Timothy 4:5

b. 1 Timothy 4:2

c. Colossians 3:16

d. Titus 1:9

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e. 2 Timothy 3:16

4. What difficulties might there have been in finding qualified men to be elders in the Thessalonian church? Does that have any application to churches today?

5. Define the word diligently (*kopiaō*).

6. What does 1 Thess 2:9 tell us about Paul's example as an elder?

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1. Who do elders receive their authority from? Who is the true head of the church?

2. What type of instruction are elders to give to their churches? How do they help facilitate the church living for the glory of God?

3. Why is the phrase “among you” important?



4. What does the word “those” tell us about a leadership structure?

5. Define the word *appreciate* (oida).

6. How does financial support for pastors show appreciation for them?
Use scripture to support your answer.

7. How can we practically appreciate our elders?

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and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.
Live in peace with one another. — 1 Thessalonians 5:13

1. What does it mean to esteem very highly?

2. What type of love is Paul asking them to show?

3. How does being at peace among ourselves show appreciation and esteem for our elders?

4. Read Hebrews 13:17. What two things are we commanded to do in this verse?

a. Why are we to do these things?

b. How is our attitude a factor in our obedience?

5. Is an elder's authority absolute? Use scripture to support your answer.

We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. — 1 Thessalonians 5:14

1. What does verse 14 tell us of the seriousness of unrepentant sin in the church?

2. Define the term *unruly* (*ataktos*).

3. How are we to approach the unruly? What does that mean practically?

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4. What does it mean to be fainthearted?

5. What does Matthew 12:20 teach us about how God views the fainthearted? How might that encourage you in light of your circumstances?

6. How are we to approach the fainthearted? What would that look like in practical terms?

7. According to the following passages, what does a weak believer look like?

a. Romans 14:1-3

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b. Ephesians 4:14

c. 1 Corinthians 8:9

d. 1 Corinthians 8:7

8. How can we help the weak? What does this practically look like?

9. Why are we tempted to be impatient with others?

10. Read Matthew 18:21-22. Does this help you to better understand the command to be patient with everyone?

See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:15

1. In verse 15 is Paul talking about the evil actions of unbelievers or believers?

2. Is there any reason for a Christian to take revenge? Use scripture to support your answer.

3. How are we to do good to one another?

a. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

b. Ephesians 4:25

c. Philippians 4:8

d. James 3:17

e. Romans 12:20-21

f. 1 Corinthians 4:12-13

g. 1 Peter 2:19-20

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