

# Women of Grace

## Lesson 15

### 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, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, 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 5:12-15

#### Day 1: The Request – Part 1 (v. 12)

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?



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5. Define the word *diligently* (kopiaō).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What does 1 Thess 2:9 tell us about Paul's example as an elder?

## Day 2: The Request – Part 2 (v. 12)

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. 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?





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- b. How is our attitude a factor in our obedience?
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5. Is an elder's authority absolute? Use Scripture to support your answer.
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6. Do you often think of how the enemy works to undermine this affection for leaders?
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7. Do you view the leadership of our church in a God-honouring way? Do you treat them in a God-honouring way? If not, what changes do you need to make so that you are honouring God in this area?

### **Day 4: The Urge (v. 14)**

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?



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a. Romans 14:1-3

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?





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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

4. Do you particularly struggle in one of these areas? What changes can you make so that you excel still more in doing good for one another and for all the people?

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