

The Reward of Recognizing and Esteeming Leaders
(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

- A. Paul's INTRODUCTION and PERSONAL GREETING (1:1)**
- B. GIVING THANKS for the Birth of a Model Church (1:2-10)**
- C. GUIDING MODEL of Faithful Follow-Up to a Young Church (2:1-12)**
- D. REMEMBERING Your Divine Resources during Suffering / Persecution (2:13-20)**
- E. HELPING BELIEVERS Become Firmly Established, Part 1 (3:1-5)**
- F. HELPING BELIEVERS Become Firmly Established, Part 2 (3:6-13)**
- G. HOW A BELIEVER'S WALK can abound... (4:1-5:28)**
 - 1. ... In HOLINESS (4:1-8)
 - 2. ... In LOVING CARE for those INSIDE the Church (4:9-10)
 - 3. ... In DECENCY before those OUTSIDE the Church (4:11-12)
 - 4. ... In HOPE (4:13-18)
 - 5. ... In JOYFUL AWARENESS of the Times and the Day of the Lord (5:1-11)
 - 6. ... In RECOGNITION and RESPECT for Church Leaders (5:12-13)
 - a. **Principle #1:** Believers Should _____ the Call to _____ Their

Spiritual Leaders. (v12) **“And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,”**

Key Idea: Recognizing our leaders means seeing their role as more than a title. We, as believers, are called to value the time, care, and faithfulness they pour into the local church.

Have you noticed all the roles your pastor fills throughout the week?

What is key for us to recognize the labor of our leaders?

Are we letting them lead us and correct us?

Is there a part of his ministry or sacrifices that you might not fully recognize due to a lack of observation or relationship?

b. **Principle #2:** Believers Are Called to Give Leaders _____
RESPECT in _____ for Their _____ Sake. (v13a) ***“and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake.”***

Key Idea: Esteeming leaders very highly in love is a call for intentional appreciation that recognizes the effort, heart, and spiritual investment our leaders put into the ministry.

How often do you express gratitude to your leaders in specific, sincere ways?

Have you taken a moment to share how their guidance has impacted you?

Can we see how valuing our leaders with Spirit-driven, love-filled respect fulfills this call, strengthens our church, and honors God?

c. **Principle #3:** Believers who RECOGNIZE and RESPECT their leaders _____ the _____ of peace within the church.? (v13b)
“Be at peace among yourselves.”

Key Idea: When a church is at peace, it creates a powerful witness to the world, showing what a Christ-centered body of believers looks like.

How often do we get caught up in our own preferences instead of prioritizing peace?

Are we genuinely intentional about encouraging harmony, or do we find ourselves just hoping it happens on its own?

Does your inward recognition of your leaders’ labor and your outward expression of respect help create a space where leaders and members alike can thrive in their roles, serving joyfully and growing together?

How does this apply to me?