

Study Guide

Steadfast 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

Big Idea: Encouraging Groups are Awesome!

1. What have been some of your best and worst experiences of being part of a church? How have these contributed to your growth?

2. According to 1 Thess. 5:12...

"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," (NASB)

...spiritual leaders are to work hard, lead well, and teach truth.

What have been your expectations of spiritual leaders? How do these characteristics foster encouraging groups? Are these good goals for all of us? Discuss.

3. According to 1 Thess. 5:12-13a...

"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,¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work."

...spiritual people are to show appreciation and respect for spiritual leaders.

Discuss some of the challenges of being a church leader. How can we be appreciative and respectful, even though they are not perfect people? How can we be praying for our spiritual leaders?

4. According to Romans 13:1-2, ...

"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.² Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves."

...what is your attitude towards authority in your life? Why do you think God has appointed authority over you?

5. All believers can help foster encouraging groups. Read 1 Thess. 5:13a-15 and discuss your favorite and least favorite part of encouraging people.

"Be at peace among yourselves.¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone."

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What I love about being a pastor:

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1. Global success.
2. Core of Worship.
3. Focus on Truth.
4. Community of Transformation.
5. Accountability.
6. Teamwork.
7. Dynamic.

What is challenging to me:

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1. Suffering.
2. Conflict.
3. Transiency.
4. Pressure.

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I. Spiritual leaders (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,... (NASB)

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A. Work hard

B. Lead well

- Presbuteros- character
- Episkopos –competence
- Poimen- care

C. Teach Truth

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II. Spiritual People (v.12-13a)

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A. Show Appreciation

B. Show Respect

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III. Encouraging Each Other (v.13b-15)

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- A. Be at peace among yourselves
- B. Admonish the idle
- C. Encourage the fainthearted
- D. Help the weak
- E. Be patient
- F. Don't repay evil for evil
- G. Seek to do good to each other

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