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Worship Service
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1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson Eighteen • 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Pastor Appreciation

Awaiting the Lord's Return

How should we live in the church as we await the Lord's return?

We should live at PEACE with one another by the sanctifying power of the God of peace until the Lord returns (v. 13, 23).

Final Instructions for an Imperfect Church

Paul gives instructions for promoting peace in an IMPERFECT church about leadership, fellowship, and worship.

Pastor Appreciation

God expects people in the church to show APPRECIATION to pastors of the church.

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

How to Show Appreciation to Your Pastors at LifeBridge

1. RESPECT Your Pastors at LifeBridge!

What You Should Expect from Your Pastors

- Pastors are to LABOR diligently in the ministry (v. 12).
- Pastors are to OVERSEE humbly in the Lord (v. 12).
- Pastors are to ADMONISH lovingly in God's Word (v. 12).

2. ESTEEM Your Pastors at LifeBridge!

What Pastors Should Expect from You

- The MANNER of your esteem: "very highly in love" (v. 13)
- The MOTIVATION of your esteem: "because of their work" (v. 13)

3. BE AT PEACE Among Yourselves at LifeBridge! (v. 13)

Takeaway

The most effective way to ENCOURAGE your pastors is to show appreciation to your pastors in attitude and action.

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1

From Pastors to People of LifeBridge

Thank you for showing appreciation to your pastors in attitude and action beyond just one day a year in October.