

Family Matters, Part 1

1 Thess. 5:12-15

1. Right _____ between pastor and the church family. (vv. 12-13)

The role of the pastor:

Labor _____.

Exercise _____.

Provide _____.

The role of the church family:

They should _____ their pastors.

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They should live in _____ by imitating and obeying their pastors.

2. Dealing with the spiritually _____. (vv. 14-15)

Admonish the _____.

Encourage the _____.

Help the _____.

Be _____ with everyone.

Watch your _____.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of Nov. 13, 2022

Getting to Know Me

- Are you a DIY'er or do you prefer to pay the experts fix things that go wrong? Why?
- Who is your favorite figure from American history? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Paul worked as a tent-maker during much of his missionary career. Read the following verses that reference this fact: Acts 20:34; 1 Cor 4:12; 9:14-15; 2 Cor 11:7; 12:13; 1 Thess 2:9; 4:11; 2 Thess 3:8. Why did Paul insist on supporting himself and what should that tell us today?

- Heb. 13:7, 17 echo some of Paul's teaching in 1 Thess. 5:12-15. What is the relationship of Christians to their pastors supposed to be like according to Hebrews and 1 Thessalonians? Why is this so important?

- While most Christians would consider it the pastor's job to "admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone" (v. 14), to whom does Paul actually address these instructions? In view of this, and Paul's instructions in Eph. 4:11-13 and Rom. 12:3-8, what is our responsibility to the spiritually weak among us?

Application

- Have you ever been in a church where the pastor(s) were not appreciated and esteemed? What was the result of such attitudes and behavior?

- When someone in the church behaves disrespectfully toward the pastor behind his back, what should our response be? Why?