

**“Church Etiquette”**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**  
**Sunday April 29, 2012**

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

Paul calls them “Brethren” 27x in 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Paul used it a total of 60X in his letters.

**Brethren** – is a term that is used to describe members of a family.

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** “Church Etiquette Involves Appreciation For Spiritual Leaders, Ministering To One Another, And Our Worshiping Of God In The Truth”

**1. Verses 12-13 – Honoring Our Church Leaders**

**2. Verses 14-16 – Caring For Those In Our Fellowship**

**3. Verses 17-28 – Worshiping God Through The Truth**

**1. Verses 12-13 – Honoring Our Church Leaders:**

1 Thess 5:12

“we request of you,” – “We ask and beg you”

5 Facts Regarding Spiritual Leaders:

1. Spiritual Leaders Who Work Hard Should Be Appreciated: “that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you,”

“you appreciate” – KJV the word “Know”; Idea of looking at to really examine to interview, to find out; “to have regard for one, cherish, pay attention to”

“labor” – “to grow weary, tired, exhausted, to toil under burdens or with wearisome effort”

2. Spiritual Leaders Are Under-Shepherds Of God: “and have charge over you in the Lord”

1 Peter 5:2-4

“in the Lord” – (Submit To God And His Word)

3. Spiritual Leaders Are Required To Instruct God's People: "and give you instruction,"

1 Thess 5:13

4. Spiritual Leaders Are To Be Honored And Loved: "that you esteem them" – "regard, to separate, to elevate, to place in honor"

Love Them: very highly in love

5. Spiritual Leaders Should Not Be Our Enemies: "Live in peace with one another."

## **2. Verses 14-16 – Caring For Those In Our Fellowship:**

1 Thess 5:14

### 4 Groups Identified For Ministry For Believers:

1. The Unruly: "And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly,"

Eph 4:11-12

"admonish" – "warn" the unruly, "disorderly, out of ranks (often so of soldiers); deviating from the prescribed order or rule; Used in Greek society of those who did not show up for work"

2. The Quitters: Encourage – "to speak to, address one, to calm and console" the fainthearted, "small-souled, denotes the despondent"

James 1:2-4

3. The Weak: 'help' – "to hold up, hold on firmly, cleave to"; "the weak," – "to be without strength, to be feeble"

4. All Person's: "be patient with all men."

1 Thess 5:15

Our Motives: "See that no one repays another with evil for evil,"

Romans 12:17

Romans 12:19-21

Be Joyful: 1 Thess 5:16

Neh 8:10 – for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### **3. Verses 17-28 – Worshiping God Through The Truth:**

1 Thess 5:17

#### 5-Point Description of Genuine Worship:

1. Verse 17 – Worship Through Prayer: "pray without ceasing" – "constantly recurring"

2. Verse 18 – Worship Through Praise: 1 Thess 5:18

Worship – is a response to who God is. Praise – is a response to what God does.

3. Verses 19-21 – Worship Through The Word:

1 Thess 5:19 – "quench" – metaphor "to suppress, stifle the divine influence of God"

1 Thess 5:20 – "despise" – "to think little of, or contemptible"

Worship that ignores the Bible (Divine Revelation) is not spiritual!

1 Thess 5:21

4. Verses 22-24 – Worship Through Dedication: 1 Thess 5:22

"form" – "the external or outward appearance, form figure, shape"

Negative – "Abstain" – "abstain from every form of evil."

1 Thess 5:23

Positive – Dedicate – "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;" The term sanctify – "to separate from profane things and dedicate to God, to purify internally by renewing of the soul"

1 Thess 5:24

Phil 1:6

2 Tim 2:13

5. Verses 25-28 – Worship Through Fellowship: 1 Thess 5:25-27

“I adjure” – “to force to take an oath, to administer an oath”

1 Thess 5:28

**Application:**

1. We As A Church Fellowship Are To Honor Our Spiritual Leaders Because Spiritual Leaders Work Hard; Spiritual Leaders Are God’s Under-Shepherds; Spiritual Leaders Instruct Us; We Are To Love Spiritual Leaders And Not Think Or Treat Them As Enemies.
2. Caring For Those In Our Fellowship Includes People Who Are Unruly, The Quitters, To Those Who Are Weak, And To All People In General.
3. Worshiping God Through The Truth Consists Of But Is Not Limited To Prayer, Praise, The Word, To Being Dedicated And To Fellowship.