



HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Healthy Church | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, June 17, 2020

A healthy church is identified by how its people relate to one another and to God.

1. The Value of Healthy Relationships (5:12-15)

A. Leaders who take their calling seriously

1. A Pastor Works

1 Thess. 5:12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who **labor among you** and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

2. A Pastor Leads

1 Thess. 5:12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are **over you in the Lord** and admonish you,

3. A Pastor Admonishes

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B. People who love one another devotedly

1. People to Pastors

1. Recognize His Calling

1 Thess. 5:12 We ask you, brothers, to **respect** those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

2. Respect His Work

1 Thess. 5:13 and to **esteem them very highly in love because of their work**. Be at peace among yourselves.

3. Rest in His Leadership

1 Thess. 5:13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. **Be at peace among yourselves**.

2. People to People

1. Warn the Irresponsible

1 Thess. 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, **admonish the idle**, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

2. Comfort the Discouraged

1 Thess. 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, **encourage the fainthearted**, help the weak, be patient with them all.

3. Help the Weak

1 Thess. 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, **help the weak**, be patient with them all

4. Be Patient with Everyone

1 Thess. 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, **be patient with them all.**

5. Refuse to Retaliate

1 Thess. 5:15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

2. The Importance of Personal Devotion (5:16-22)

A. Joyful in Outlook

1 Thess. 5:16 Rejoice always,

B. Persistent in Prayer

1 Thess. 5:17 pray without ceasing,

C. Grateful in Attitude

1 Thess. 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

D. Sensitive to the Spirit

1 Thess. 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

E. Obedient to Scripture

1 Thess. 5:20 Do not despise prophecies,

F. Committed to Discernment

1 Thess. 5:21-22 but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.