

# Respect and Esteem Your Pastors

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1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

## **Main Idea: We Need To Recognize and Esteem our Pastors.**

Recognize / Respect = To Know

*"knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God...as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake." (1 Thessalonians 1:4-5)*

Esteem = To Treat With Honor and Reverence

*"believers must treat their christian leaders with a level of respect that is higher or greater than that shown any other person or official." --Jefferey Weima*

Motivation = For Their Work's Sake

*"it is clear that respect and honor ought to be accorded congregational leaders not because of their position or office in and of itself, but because of the important pastoral work they perform."  
--Jefferey Weima*

Who = The Office of Pastor, Elder, or Overseer

## **1.) Recognize and Esteem Your Pastors Because They Labor.**

A.) Because They Labor With the Word

*"For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day..." (1 Thessalonians 2:9)*

*"For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain." (1Thessalonians 3:5)*

*"you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, **12** that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory" (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)*

B.) Because They Labor Among You.

## **2.) Recognize and Esteem Your Pastors Because They Are Over You.**

A.) Because They Rule by Christ's Authority.

*"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." (1 Timothy 5:17)*

*"one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence **5** (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?)" (1 Timothy 3:4-5)*

*"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17)*

B.) Because They Rule With Care.

*"(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?)" (1 Timothy 3:5)*

*"besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. 29  
Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?"  
(2 Corinthians 11:28-29)*

### **3.) Recognize and Esteem Your Pastors Because They Admonish You**

A.) Because Their Instruction Serves As Guard Rails.

*"Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears." (Acts 20:31)*

B.) Because They Admonish Out of Genuine Concern and Love.

*"I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you" (1  
Corinthians 4:14)*

### **4.) Recognize and Esteem Your Pastors Because We Should Be at Peace With Ourselves.**

*"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ." (Romans 5:1)*