

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1398: How Do We Genuinely Appreciate Those Who Guide Us?

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1. Explain what the leaders' characters in God's true church look like. What are the responsibilities of these leaders? Define the areas a leader might need to cover as an elder, bishop, overseer, pastor, shepherd and teacher. (John 13:14, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-3, Acts 20:28-30, Ephesians 4:11)
2. What is Paul's question of the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 5:12? How do the following verses show what we should appreciate about the work of our shepherds?
 - a. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-8) List the eight references in these verses as to what we should appreciate.
 - b. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-9) List the additional five references in these verses.
3. How can we show this appreciation? Expand on each item:
 - a. **Reciprocate:** Stand in God's word and give it back. (1 Thessalonians 2:13-14, Ephesians 6:10-12)
 - b. **Reciprocate:** Absorb the dedication given us and give it back. (1 Thessalonians 2:17-20, Romans 12:2)
 - c. **Appreciate:** All are subject to trials and need to stand together. (1 Thessalonians 3:1-5, 1 Peter 5:6-9)
 - d. **Sincerely Imitate:** Receive, give, connect with the body of Christ. (1 Thessalonians 3:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26)
 - e. **Elevate:** Lift our standards, interactions to *agape* love. (1 Thessalonians 3:11-13, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)
 - f. **Subjugate:** Remove our fleshly desires, become examples. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-6, Ephesians 6:13-17)
 - g. **Investigate:** Prove God's truth for ourselves. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 2 Timothy 2:15-16)
4. Each of us need to consider. Are we:
 - a. standing firm in God's strength?
 - b. living according to a spiritually transformed mind?
 - c. standing our ground against all challenges?
 - d. Helping build the interconnectivity of the body of Christ?
 - e. reflecting selfless love towards others?
 - f. proving all things and growing in truth?
 - g. passing on what we have received to others?
5. Which of these do you have the most trouble with? What do you need to work on first and how will you start?