

SHARPENING YOUR SWORD

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15 — AN INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Session 11 Homework — April 13, 2022

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CHURCH (PART ONE)

Chapter 5:12-22 contain a series of apostolic exhortations to the church. Our objectives for verses 12-15 are to see what our responsibilities are toward those who are over us in the Lord (vv 12-13), and what responsibilities we have to one another (vv 14-15).

1 Read 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 daily to prepare for your study.

2 In verses 12-13, what is our responsibility to those who labor among us and who are over us in the Lord?

3 Define these words from verses 12 and 13:

> respect (also know or appreciate) Strong's G1492 (Gk eido):

> esteem (also regard) Strong's G2233 (Gk hegeomai):

> very highly Strong's G4057 (Gk perissos):

4 What do vv 12-13 say about the responsibilities of church leaders to the church?

5 What are some specific ways you can show your appreciation to your church leaders for their work? In verse 13, how does the directive to “Be at peace among yourselves” relate to showing respect and appreciation to our pastors? See Hebrews 13:17 for more help.

> Hebrews 13:17 “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

6 In verses 14-15, what six charges did Paul give concerning those around us?

7 Who are these directives given to?

8 Define the following words from vv 14-15

> admonish Strong’s #G3560 (Gk noutheteo):

> idle (or unruly, lazy) Strong's #G813 (GK ataktos):

> encourage (or comfort) Strong's G3888 (Gk paramytheomai):

> fainthearted Strong's G3642 (Gk oligopsychos):

> help (or support, uphold) Strong's G472 (Gk antecho):

> weak Strong's G772 (Gk asthenes):

9 You probably know people in each of the categories mentioned in verse 14. Write down specific ways to serve them according to these verses.