

A HEALTHY CHURCH (PART 1)

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14

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INTRODUCTION

- This message concerns the ministry to, the shepherding of, and the pastoring of the members of the Gospel Community.
- We must all minister to one another in the Lord in order to achieve a healthy church.
- In 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14 there are three particular aspects of ministry among the saints that foster a healthy church.

I. Every Christian sibling is called to ministry. (vs. 14a)

- A) To Admonish**
- B) To Encourage**
- C) To Help**

II. The siblings must have the proper attitude to be equipped for ministry. (vs. 12-13)

- A) Respect**
- B) Esteem**
- C) Peace**

III. Patience is required of the siblings in ministry. (vs. 14b)

CONCLUSION

- If any of these aspects are ignored, the church will not grow and will contribute little to God's kingdom.
- If they are followed by everyone:
 - Church leaders will take their calling seriously.
 - Church members will love one another genuinely.
 - They will contribute greatly to God's kingdom.