

**HOW ARE TRUE BELIEVERS TO TREAT THEIR LEADERS?
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FLOCK
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**

I. APPRECIATE AND RESPECT THOSE WHO FAITHFULLY LEAD YOU (12-13)

A. SOME PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING what godly leaders look like (12, misc. passages)

1. **From other passages concerning elders:** They feed protect and watch over your souls (Acts 20, 1 Peter 5, 1 Timothy 3 & 5, Titus 1)

2. **From our passage (12)**

a) They work hard among you

b) They have spiritual charge over you and thus they oversee you

c) They continually admonish you with the Word

B. HOW SHOULD WE TREAT OUR GODLY LEADERS AND WHY? (12-13a)

1. Get to know and thus appreciate them (12)

2. Hold them in very high loving esteem (13a)

3. Why treat them this way? Because of their work (13a, 12)

II. DON'T GIVE THEM CAUSE TO BE GRIEVED: Live at peace with one another (13b, Heb. 13:17)