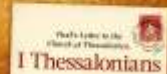




Church ethos is about a body of believers following in community under Jesus' leadership who gives guidance through God's Word and the Holy Spirit.

¹ Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more.

¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.



¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.



¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.



15 See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

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Local Church leadership is expected



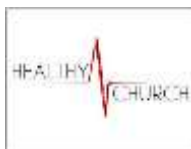
Plural leadership is expected in a local church



Healthy leadership and following unifies a local church



Healthy local church leaders and followers will engage the life of other believers



Leadership for Christ

“work hard among” (12)

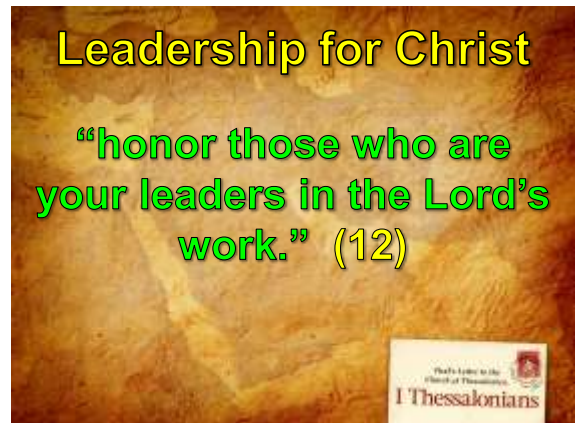
Jesus’ leaders must genuinely serve diligently!

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40 "But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."
41 When the ten other disciples heard what **James and John** had asked, they were indignant.
(Mark 10)

42 So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. **43** But among you it will be different. **Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, (Mark 10)**

44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. **45** For **even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others** and to give his life as a ransom for many." **(Mark 10)**



Leadership for Christ

"give you spiritual guidance." (13)

What are leaders to use for real transforming and powerful spiritual guidance?

16 All **Scripture** is inspired by God and is useful **1** to teach us what is true and **2** to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. **3** It corrects us when we are wrong and **4** teaches us to do what is right.
17 God uses it to **prepare and equip** his people to do every good work. **(2 Timothy 3)**

² Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

(2 Timothy 4)

Teach to Groups #1

Apply to Individuals #2

If you lead...

- So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders. **(Acts 20:28)**

If you are being lead...

- **¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.**

Being a Follower of Leadership for Christ

"show them great respect" (13)

submit to them and others like them who serve with such devotion. They have been a wonderful encouragement to me, as they have been to you. You must show your appreciation to all who serve so well. **(1 Cor. 16:16, 18)**

Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. **(Heb. 13:17)**

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"...wholehearted love because of their work." (13)

² I said to the LORD, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you." ³ The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them! **(Ps. 16)**

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“Brothers and sisters we urge you...” (14)

warn...encourage...take tender care...be patient...see that no one pays back evil...try to do good...(14-15)

Help Leaders!

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I Thessalonians

Are you a follower of Jesus Christ?



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5:12-15

**Church Ethos:
Being a Leader and a Follower**