

Gospel Relationships in the Church

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1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

I. Love Your Leaders (1 Thess. 5:12-13a)

- Their work among you: They labor, lead, and lovingly admonish you.
- Your response to them: Respect and regard them highly in love
- “God could have built his kingdom by himself without our aid, but in his kindness, he uses weak, sinful, fallible humans to lead his church. It is a work that is far more glorious than we are.” - Ligon Duncan

II. Live as Peacemakers (1 Thess. 13b-15)

- Correct the disorderly.
- Comfort the discouraged.
- Carry the weak.
- Cultivate patience with everyone
- Counter evil with good
- "The Church is a hospital, not a courtroom" - John Chrysostom
- “The Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners.”