

1 THESSALONIANS

**STANDING FIRM & PRESSING ON,
UNITED TO JESUS.**

A Church and Its Elders

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

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As Christians, we are to grow in our love and respect for our Elders because of the work they do among us.

Observations:

1. First Thessalonians 5:12-13 says we are to respect and love our _____ in the church.
2. One of the reasons we respect and love our Elders is because they are serving as under-shepherds to our Great Shepherd, Jesus.
3. The word Paul uses for "Respect" means to _____ or _____ something in such a way that it provokes a response in us.
4. The word Paul uses for "very highly" means _____ or _____.

Main Points:

The work our Elders do for us involves:

1. Toiling and Sacrificing

Our response to their toil and sacrifice should be _____ and _____.

2. Leading and Caring

Our response to their leadership and care should be to _____ and _____.

3. Warning and Instructing

Our response to their warnings and instruction should be to _____.

4. If we are obeying God's commands in vv. 12-13, we will be _____ peace.

Questions to Consider

1. Do you ever take for granted the work that your Elders do for you? What makes it easy to do that and how can you act differently?
2. Does the idea of "obeying" or "submitting" to another person bother you? Why do you think that is?
3. What passages from Scripture can you preach to yourself when you have a hard time obeying/submitting to God's Word or what your Elders are asking you to do?
4. What can be some of our obstacles to "cultivating peace"? How can God's Word shape our hearts and minds in this area?