

CHURCH LIFE

Introduction: These verses give “some insight into the meetings of the early church. They included opportunity for mutual _____ among the believers. Mutual _____ and edification are still needed in every local church” (B.K.)

- I. _____ the Members (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- A. Paul leaves his lessons on the future and comes back to the _____.
 - B. A key _____ of the local church is to comfort each other.
 - C. We need to have our faith _____ up each week (Ro. 14:19; 1 Cor. 10:23; Eph. 4:29; Jude 20).
 - D. A church is to be a team where we _____ each other.
- II. _____ the Leaders (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
- A. A very important _____ in the church is the one between the members and leaders.
 - B. Members must have _____ for the spiritual leaders in the church.
 - C. Members should get to _____ their leaders personally.
 - D. God places people in _____ of spiritual leadership and that is to be honored despite your opinions of them (1 Tim. 4:12).
 - E. They are to be held in _____ opinion for their work's sake.
 - F. It is as we honor this that we can experience _____ in our church.
 - G. Many a church has been _____ because of factions over spiritual leaders (1 Cor. 3).
- III. _____ the Weak (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15)
- A. There will always be a wide _____ of people in a local church.
 - B. A good church will seek to meet the _____ of believers in every stage of spiritual growth.
 - C. Some need to be _____ into obedience.
 - D. Some need to be _____ up in their walk with God (Pr. 12:25).
 - E. Some need to be _____ in their spiritual life.
 - F. We must have great _____ when helping believers to grow.
 - G. Doing _____ to others should be what we are known for (Jn. 13:35).

Conclusion: “It is a wonderful, glorious thing to keep looking for the coming of Christ, but it is also very important that we keep walking down here on the sidewalks of life—at home, in the office, in the schoolroom, wherever we are called to walk” (McGee).