

“When Church is Hard”

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1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

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Spiritual Leaders

- They toil in the church.
- They lead the church.
- They admonish the church.

Spiritual Followers

1. We should acknowledge spiritual leaders.

1 Corinthians 16:15–18 (NIV)

¹⁵ You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, ¹⁶ to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work and labors at it.

¹⁷ I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition.

Spiritual Followers

2. We should value spiritual leaders.

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.



Spiritual Followers

3. We should live at peace with spiritual leaders.

Mark 9:50 (ESV) – *Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.*

