

Concerning the Ministry

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:2
1 Timothy 5:17
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Introduction

God always honors those who are faithful to Him! It is also His intent that the Church honor and respect those who have ministered faithfully.

I. The minister's commission

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

- A. To teach by word
- B. To teach by modelling the principles of the Word
- C. To insure the continuity of the gospel message

II. The congregation's responsibility

1 Thessalonians 5:12 And we beseech you brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

- A. Scrutinize the minister's life
 - 1. Examine his life
 - 2. Verify his credentials
 - 3. Evaluate his reputation
 - 4. Accept him because he meets the standard
- B. Evaluate the verity of the minister's message
 - 1. Is it scriptural?
 - a. Is the application in harmony with the context?
 - b. Is the message broadly based in the scripture?
 - 2. Does it glorify Christ?
 - 3. Does the message motivate men to come to know God?

III. The minister's reward

1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1 Thessalonians 5:13a And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

- A. The congregation should honor the minister
- B. The congregation should love the minister