



# A HEALTHY FLOCK, PART 2

1 THESSALONIANS 5: 12-22



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**13** and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

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**Ephesians 1:22** And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church.

**Ephesians 4:15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.

**Ephesians 5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior.

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### b. The Responsibility to Esteem

**12** Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you.

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**14** And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

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## a. Dealing with Disorderly Sheep

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## c. Dealing with Weak Sheep

**14** And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

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## Romans 12:17-21

**17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

**18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

## Romans 12:17-21

**20** To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

**21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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