

# Relationship with fellow officebearers

## Introduction

- ❖ John 17:22-23.

## The Basis of our Relationships

- ❖ Lord's Day 12
- ❖ Ephesians 4:11-12
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

## The Attitude in our Relationships

### A. Spirit of humility & helpfulness

- ❖ Philippians 2:3
- ❖ Matthew 20:21

### B. Spirit of cooperation & consultation

- ❖ Proverbs 11:14

### C. Spirit of sacrifice & service

- ❖ Luke 22:24-27

### D. Spirit of encouragement & correction

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- ❖ CO Article 81 – *The ministers of the Word, elders and deacons shall exercise Christian censure among themselves, and in love admonish one another with regard to the discharge of their office.*

### E. Spirit of edification & submission

## Conclusion

- ❖ Acts 15:36-41.
- ❖ 2 Timothy 4:11
- ❖ Ephesians 4:13

## Book Recommendations

- James, John Angell, *The Duties Of Church Member's to their Pastors*, Gardiner Spring, *A Plea to pray for Pastors*, (Calvary Press Christian Classics, 1999)
- Ascol, Thomas K. Ed., *Dear Timothy – Letters on the Pastoral Ministry*, (Founders Press, 2004)
- Sande, Ken – *The Peace Maker – A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*, (Baker Books, 2004)

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What are some practical ways in which you can demonstrate your love & care for fellow officebearers?
- 2) What is the role of *censura morem* (Mutual Censure) according to article 81 of the Church Order? How should that function in our consistory meetings? How can this be useful in the relationships we have as consistory members?
- 3) What must you understand about each other's characters when making decisions in the consistory room?
- 4) How can we develop stronger relationships as officebearers in the local church? How can you promote unity in the consistory?
- 5) What do you think is the major cause of division within consistories?