



# A HEALTHY FLOCK

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-22

**I. The Shepherd's Responsibility to the Sheep (v. 12)**

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# 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 (ESV)

**12** We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

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

**14** And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 (ESV)

**15** See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

**16** Rejoice always,

**17** pray without ceasing,

**18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**19** Do not quench the Spirit.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 (ESV)

**20** Do not despise prophecies,

**21** but test everything; hold fast what is good.

**22** Abstain from every form of evil.

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## Hebrews 13:7

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

## Colossians 1:27-28

**27** To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**28** Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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# 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

**1** Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.

**2** For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.