



**Title** | Dealing with the Difficult  
**Series** | Living Like He's Coming  
**Text** | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15  
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# Sermon Notes

**1 Thessalonians 5:12** 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. **15** See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

**1 Thessalonians 5:14** And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. *ESV*

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a. How specifically can you respect and esteem church leaders?

### Tuesday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:13b. How specifically can you be at peace with those who seem to antagonize you?

### Wednesday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14. How specifically can you admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, and help the weak, being patient with them all?

### Thursday:

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15. How specifically can you do good to evildoers instead of seeking revenge?

### Friday:

All the directives in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 come as an explanation of how believers can be ready for the day of the Lord in the immediately preceding context. How is our response to difficult people in the church a reflection of our readiness for the Lord?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to deal with difficult people in the church in a Christlike way that I may honor you and be ready for your return. Amen.

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