

## Congregation's Obligations To The Pastor

- [1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 HCSB](#) Now we ask you, brothers, to give recognition to those who labor among you and lead 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.
- [Hebrews 13:7-8, 17 HCSB](#) Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith. [8](#) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. [17](#) Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

### I. They Have an Obligation to Know Him (1 Thess. 5:12).

- [1 Thessalonians 5:12 HCSB](#) [12](#) Now we ask you, brothers, to give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you,
  - A. In the sense of understanding his work
  - B. In the sense of appreciating his efforts
  - C. In the sense of esteeming his calling
  - D. In the sense of meeting his needs

### II. They Have an Obligation to Esteem Him (1 Thess. 5:13)

- [1 Thessalonians 5:13 HCSB](#) [13](#) and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.
  - A. How much? Very highly
  - B. Why? For his work's sake

### III. They Have an Obligation to Follow Him (Heb. 13:7)

- [Hebrews 13:7 HCSB](#) Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith.
  - A. Because he has a stable testimony (13:7a)
- [Hebrews 13:7a HCSB](#) Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you.
  - B. Because he has a stable theology (13:8)
- [Hebrews 13:8 HCSB](#) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

### IV. They Have an Obligation to Obey and Submit to Him (Heb. 13:17)

- [Hebrews 13:17 HCSB](#) Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
  - A. Because he is responsible for their spiritual care
  - B. Because it is unprofitable for them not to