

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for February 15-16, 1997

"Dealing with Problem People"

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

The key word in this passage is "brethren." The Spiritual care of this flock is not simply the responsibility of church leader but the responsibility of all Christians.

Those highlighted for special care in this passage are:

1. The unruly

The word "unruly" (ATAKTOS) means "careless" out of line.

Each of us in this fellowship need to be walking worthy of our calling. When people depart from that walk either through apathy or rebellion they become "unruly."

The word "admonish" (NOUTHETEO) means "to correct."

2. The fainthearted

The word "fainthearted" (ALIGOPSUCHOUS) literally means "little souled."

These individuals in contrast with the unruly have an appetite for spiritual things but they are becoming weary in the midst of their circumstances.

The word "encouraged" (PARAMUTHEOMAI) means "to come along with counsel or advice."

3. The weak

The word "weak" literally means "to hold fast."

The weak Christians were afraid of their liberty in Christ. They lived by unnecessary rules and regulations. (2 Corinthians 8-10; Romans 14-15)

Wise counsel given (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15)

Be patient

Watch your motives (2 Corinthians 4:5)