



2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
Your Job—My Job—His Job
From Sermon 7.10.22

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Overview from Sunday's sermon: Just as Paul transitioned in teaching the Thessalonians, we also now arrive at the final chapter of the study with the final words the Holy Spirit wanted to convey. With the world getting darker, the church will need to be aware and healthy in its function. There is a three-fold or triune participation in the church: the members, the elders, and the Savior. It takes each part doing their assigned role to caring for the other two. It is a beautiful picture of the Bride of Christ.

1. Read 1 *Corinthians* 12:14-28. What great church truth is further illustrated in this passage? Everyone has a role/job in the church. It is not a place of entertainment or anonymity, but a body—a family—in which to serve and grow. All the parts matter and all are needed for health and effectiveness.

2. According the 2nd *Thessalonians* passage, what are the main jobs of the membership? Prayer, Obedient Conduct, & Serving/Supporting the church they belong to. See also *Hebrews* 13:17-18

3. What is the main job of the Pastor/elders? Preparing and Preaching the Word. See also *Acts* 6:1-4.

3a. What other tasks and titles have traditionally and recently taken precedence over this vital ministry? Various answers. But, include: chaplain duties = running from needy member to needy member, life coach or motivational speaker, effort to be relative and comfortable to the culture, business administration, marketing, referee = settling problems between members, ...While there are other important roles of pastor/elders, they can never be more important than feeding the flock with truth and doctrine.

4. The pastor/elder is also a shepherd, watching over and guarding the flock. What were the two main threats to the flock, mentioned on Sunday? (1) Internal division and strife and (2) wolves in sheep's clothing.

5. What does this say about those who are convinced they don't need a local church or to be under a qualified pastor/elder? They are dead wrong. No part of a human body can survive on its own. A true believer will desire the fellowship of other saints, corporate worship, the obedient exercise of their spiritual gift, and the giving of time, talents, and treasure—which is really ministering to Christ.

6. God is clearly the ultimate protector & Chief Shepherd. What were the dangers expressed dangers to the Church covered on Sunday? 1- Evil men (verse 2), The Evil one (verse 3), & Our evil former selves/old nature. See *Romans* 7:24-25

6a. What are the other roles only God can fill? Provide Direction, Remind us of the Scriptures, & Lead us in Christ-like Endurance and Patience

6b. Has there ever been a time or situation where you tried to do what only God can do? Various Personal Answers. How did that turn out?