

# **"ACKNOWLEDGING FAITHFUL MEN"**

## **I CORINTHIANS 16:15-18**

### **I. A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL BE CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED BY OTHER KEY SERVANTS WHO HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN RECOGNIZED AS FAITHFUL (16:15,17)**

- A. If Paul Knew These People By Name And Declared His Personal Esteem For Them, So Should The Church
- B. Paul Only Mentioned Two Kinds Of People By Name In His Letters: Those Worthy Of Honor And Those Who Are Not

### **II. A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL HAVE A CONFIRMED SPIRITUAL BIRTHDATE (16:15a)**

- A. The House Of Stephanus Was The Firstfruits Of Achaia
- B. It Is Not The Novice Who Is To Be Honored, But The Veteran

### **III. A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL HAVE AN INDISPUTABLE REPUTATION FOR POSSESSING A SERVANT'S HEART (16:15b)**

- A. He Doesn't Have To Be Begged To Help Out
- B. It Is Not His Social Or Financial Status That Is To Be Honored But His Servants Heart

### **IV. A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL BE A TEAM PLAYER (16:16)**

- A. He Is To Be Submitted To
- B. The Presence Or Lack Of Submission Provides A Great Way To Gauge True Spirituality

**V. A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL BE ONE WHO HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED OTHERS TOWARD GREATER SERVICE (16:17-18)**

- A. "That Which Was Lacking" Was Probably Spiritual, Emotional & Financial Encouragement
- B. The Ministry Can, At Times, Be Significantly More Draining Than It Is Refreshing