

# SERMON NOTES

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## The Awesome Task of Ministry

(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

- I. It is an awesome Privilege.**  
(Eph. 4:7, 11-12) <sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.  
<sup>11</sup>And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.
- II. It is an awesome Responsibility.**
- A. The minister's responsibility  
(v. 1) "...diligently labor...have charge over you in the Lord, and give you instruction."
- B. The congregation's responsibility  
(vs. 1-2) "...appreciate...esteem...love...Live in peace with one another."
- III. It is an awesome Blessing.**  
(1 Thess. 2:19-20) <sup>19</sup>For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? <sup>20</sup>For you are our glory and joy.  
(1 Peter 5:2a, 4) <sup>2a</sup>...shepherd the flock of God among you, <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.