# "ACKNOWLEDGING FAITHFUL MEN"

## I CORINTHIANS 16:15-18

1. **A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL BE CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED BY OTHER KEY SERVANTS WHO HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN RECOGNIZED AS FAITHFUL (16:15,17)**
	1. If Paul Knew These People By Name And Declared His Personal Esteem For Them, So Should The Church
	2. Paul Only Mentioned Two Kinds Of People By Name In His Letters: Those Worthy Of Honor And Those Who Are Not
2. **A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL HAVE A CONFIRMED SPIRITUAL BIRTHDATE (16:15a)**
	1. The House Of Stephanus Was The Firstfruits Of Achaia
	2. It Is Not The Novice Who Is To Be Honored, But The Veteran
3. **A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL HAVE AN INDISPUTABLE REPUTATION FOR POSSESSING A SERVANT'S HEART (16:15b)**
	1. He Doesn't Have To Be Begged To Help Out
	2. It Is Not His Social Or Financial Status That Is To Be Honored But His Servants Heart
4. **A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL BE A TEAM PLAYER (16:16)**
	1. He Is To Be Submitted To
	2. The Presence Or Lack Of Submission Provides A Great Way To Gauge True Spirituality
5. **A PERSON THE CHURCH SHOULD HONOR WILL BE ONE WHO HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED OTHERS TOWARD GREATER SERVICE (16:17-18)**
	1. "That Which Was Lacking" Was Probably Spiritual, Emotional & Financial Encouragement
	2. The Ministry Can, At Times, Be Significantly More Draining Than It Is Refreshing