

# **The Care and Feeding of Fellow Workers**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I Corinthians 16:10-24.
- B. We are to treat different types of people in different ways.

## II. Timothy had a quiet unassuming temperament.

- A. The people were to welcome him.
- B. They were also to value his work since he was doing the work of the Lord.
- C. They were not to despise him because of his youth.
- D. They were to help him out materially on his way.
- E. They were not to hassle him.

## III. Apollos would come when he could.

- A. This shows that the Apostles did not exercise authoritative leadership.
- B. Paul respected everyone's ability to hear from the Lord.
- C. Christians are brothers with one another not in position over one another.

## IV. Treatment towards anyone that would come.

- A. Be careful.
  - 1. Many people are about lying to congregations.
  - 2. We are to stand firm in the faith.
  - 3. We are to be courageous and strong.

- B. Be loving.

## V. Treatment of those who serve.

- A. Give recognition.
- B. Remember their faith and their love.
- C. Rejoice in their coming.

VI. Greetings.

**Application questions:**

1. What stands out to you about Paul's advice towards welcoming others? Explain.

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2. In what instances could you see the need to be careful with those you welcome into the church today?

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3. In what ways can you recognize those who serve in your church? Explain.

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