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Paul yielded to the Spirit's leading for Apollos. Counsel but yield to God's will for others

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1) be alert 2) stand firm/faith 3) be mature/courageous 4) be strong 5) be loving.

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If there's disagreement re a doctrinal point then no-one can be sure. Not worth fight...

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1) first converts in Achaia 2) totally devoted to the service of the saints. Love in action!

So what is Paul's command re/them *and all who likewise serve*? 16:15-16; **Eph.5:21; IIJn.5-8**

Submit (give respect to) them and indeed, to all who labor for the Lord. Eph.5:21.

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Deserved recognition to Stephanus, Fortunatus, Achaicus. Refreshed his/their spirit!

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This is a critical gift of service to the Church, and usually unrecognized. Do it anyway!

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Apparently his eyesight was so poor that he wrote in large, distinctive letters. Thorn??

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He is hereby giving notice to the 'false brethren' that should the Lord return, it's over!

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For true believers, the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you! And all God's people say...

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My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. AMEN! Rebuked, yes. Disciplined, yes. Loved, YES