

## The Year of Sowing

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 9

### The Year of Sowing – Honor – Spiritual Leaders

*Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.*

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NIV)



**Prayer Focus:** An important part of a lifestyle of honor, is to understand that the Lord expects us to honor those who are our spiritual leaders. God has placed in our lives those who watch out for our spiritual wellbeing. They are our shepherds and are responsible before the Lord to watch over our lives, to teach us, guide us, instruct us and correct us when necessary. No one outside of Christian ministry will ever understand the work and at times the heartache of watch out for the souls under your care. Because of this level of responsibility, we are told to honor them and their work among us. Each congregation should take seriously this admonition from the Lord and find ways to honor their leaders. But also this is an individual responsibility for each believer in Christ. How do we honor our leaders? First of all with our attitudes and our words. We honor them by speaking well of them to others. We honor them by taking care of their physical needs, an adequate salary, and other necessities. Be careful not to neglect this word from God, or God will hold us responsible. Begin now to find ways privately and publically to honor your spiritual leaders, pastors, elders, deacons, and cell group leaders.

- Day 1:** Take time to reflect on your attitude toward your spiritual leaders. Do you honor them in word and action?
- Day 2:** Ask the Lord to show you creative ways you can honor your spiritual leaders.
- Day 3:** Repent for the ways you have not honored your spiritual leaders and maybe even spoken ill of them or rebelled against their leadership.
- Day 4:** Pray for your church to have hearts willing and desiring to honor your leaders.
- Day 5:** Pray for your family to find creative ways to honor your spiritual leaders. Teach children early.
- Day 6:** Pray for the other churches in your city to be teaching this important Biblical truth.
- Day 7:** Pray that the missionaries in your church will receive the honor that is due their labors for God's Kingdom.