

#### 1 Corinthians 16:14-16

- 14 Let all that you do be done with love. 15 I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints—
- 16 that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*.

# v.15) "they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints"

Devoted (5021) *tasso*Assigned themselves to *(willingly given themselves to)* 

Ministry (1248) *diakonia*To serve- service (those who execute the plans of another)

v.16) "you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*"

Submit (5293) *hupotasso*To subordinate; to submit to; to subject one's self; to obey



#### Ephesians 4:11-13

- 11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
- 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

# Abuse and sin are not to be tolerated!

## Jesus gave the Five-Fold, till (until) we all come to:

- The Unity of the Faith
- The Knowledge of the Son of God
- To a Perfect Man
- To the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ

### Believe His Prophets

#### 2 Chronicles 20:14-22

14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.

15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel.

17 You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you." 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.

19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high. 20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

v.15-17) The Prophecy comes to Israel through Jahaziel. It begins: "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God's."

v.18-19) The King and the people bowed before the Lord and worshipped Him. The Levites and the Korahites stood to Praise the Lord.

v.20) The next day-the day of the Battle, king Jehoshaphat says to the people: "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

v.21-22) The king establishes those who would Praise the Lord, sending them ahead of the army.

## Why the Prophets?

#### Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

#### Conclusion:

#### 1 Peter 5:5

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

