What We Owe Our Elders

"Appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

“Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.”

Publilius Syrus
Early Latin Writer
(85 - 43 B. C.)

The Why of Appreciation

- *"Who diligently labor among you . . .*
- *Who have charge over you in the Lord . . .*
- *Who give you instruction."*

The Way of Appreciation

- *"Esteem them very highly . . .*
- *In love because of their work . . .*
- *Live in peace with one another."*

The What of Appreciation

- Let us *love* our elders for their diligent work.
- Let us *listen* to their instruction and counsel.
- Let us *learn* from their good and godly examples.
- Let us *lean* on their strength from the Lord.