

## 18. Pit Stop



In the noise and excitement of *Formula One* racing a vital part of the racing car success lies in the pits. This is the place where the cars fuel up and a very quick change of tyres or parts occurs. The support team work with great discipline and skill, the driver wants to exit the pit as fast as possible, so time and professionalism are paramount.

Who is in the pits for you? A spouse, family members, good friends and church members? Your pit crew keeps you in the classroom. At the end of the academic year you get presents and praise for your ministry. Do you thank your supporters earnestly? Are you praying for them and thanking God for your supporters? Maybe you want to put a date in your diary where each semester you find some way to affirm and encourage those who make up your pit crew. Paul wouldn't have been do effective outreach without his helper Timothy, and Jesus had a band of supporters. We are not lone professionals.

Let's bless, nurture and honour those who work in both minor and major ways to frame and fuel our teaching ministry.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*