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D3 - The Ministry: 1 Thessalonians 5:14

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Saturday, March 28, 2015

Before you begin this homework, take a few minutes to pray and focus your heart and mind on God. Thank Him for His Word and ask Him to reveal more of Himself to you through His Word. Ask Him to increase your heart's desire to know and love Him.

1. Think back to last week's lesson on 1 Thes 5:14. What are some examples that would indicate that a brother had entered into an unruly pattern of life? Consider Gal 6:1-5. What needs to be true about you before you go to your brother with his unruliness?
2. We sometimes find ourselves in a season of success and blessing from the Lord. Is it difficult for you to understand the condition of the fainthearted in those times? How can you prepare yourself to speak encouraging and soothing words to the one with a "small soul"?
3. The weak brother is lacking in biblical understanding in some way, and this may result in ongoing patterns of sin. How can you prepare yourself to be patient with a brother who is slow in repenting of the sin that stems from his weakness?
4. Spend some time in prayer asking the Lord to prepare you to be a good instrument in His hands as you interact with the body at Grace.

1. Turn to Jesus' letters to the 7 churches starting in Revelation 2. Descriptions of Jesus are given in 2:1; 2:8; 2:12; 2:18; 3:1; 3:7 and 3:14. What do these passages tell you about your Savior?

2. Jesus tells each of these churches that He knows about their circumstances. How are your thoughts, words and deeds affected by the fact that Jesus is intimately familiar with every aspect of your life?

3. Consider that none of these 7 churches have continued without interruption since Jesus' letters were delivered to them. What does that tell you about the long-term effects of straying leadership and sheep?

Promises to those who overcome are given in at the end of each letter. How does this encourage you as you walk in the path the Lord has prepared for you this week?