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Saturday, March 5, 2016

Name: _____

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DUE: March 19, 2016

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your notes from March 5 (D3 – 1 Thessalonians 5:14). Remind yourself of what is true about the ones who are unruly, fainthearted and weak. Then remind yourself of what it means to admonish, to encourage, to help and to be patient.

* How do you feel about being used by God to admonish an unruly brother (prepared or unprepared)? What would be your primary tool of choice as you go to that one? Why?

* The fainthearted brother can be hard to spot. What needs to be true about you so that you can recognize the one who is fainthearted?

* The weak brother may have a true material need after making a string of poorly informed choices. Can you think of an example? What would your help look like in this situation? Would it include practical things, biblical principles, or both?

* When is it a true challenge for you to be a patient man? Then think of God's longsuffering with you as He patiently waited for the day He appointed for your salvation. Spend some time thanking God for His patience towards you!

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Make the subjects of 1 Thes 5:14 a part of your prayer life over the course of the next 2 weeks. Consider doing something like the following:

1. Confess to the Lord any area where there are signs of unruliness in your life.
2. Ask the Lord to grow your ability to recognize and provide true encouragement to the fainthearted brother.
3. Ask the Lord for the wisdom you will need to provide genuine help to the one who is weak.
4. Have an honest conversation with the Lord about the kind of patience you display in your home.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for Saturday, March 19 (D1-D5 – Biblical Decision Making), think about the how you currently make decisions. Think about the influence you allow God's word and God's people to have in your life when you are faced with a decision.