

D3: Ministry: Caring for One Another in the Body of Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

Review—Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

I. A Brief Overview of 1 Thessalonians

A. The church at Thessalonica had:

1. become _____ of Paul, Silvanus and Timothy as well as imitators of _____ (1:6)

2. the reputation of _____ for Jesus to return from heaven (1:10)

3. _____ the Word in much tribulation with _____ (1:6)

4. _____ the Word of God not as the word of _____ but for what it really is, the Word of _____. (2:13)

B. Paul affirmed the Thessalonians for walking in a manner pleasing to God. He affirmed their love for one another and the way they were building one another up asked them to:

_____!

II. Focus on 5

The reality that believers (whether awake or asleep) live together with Christ _____ how we relate to and interact with _____ in the church.

III. Lock in on 5:14

A. _____ the Unruly

1. Unruly—

2. Admonish—

*Acts 20:31

* What do we need in order to admonish? (We cannot admonish on our own authority)

B. Encourage the _____

1. Fainthearted—

2. Encourage—

*What do we need in order to encourage?

*Verses/truths for comforting the fainthearted:

C. _____ the Weak

1. Weak—

2. Help—

*What do we need in order to help? (The help we offer must be Godward-focused.)

D. Be Patient with _____

Patience is: * _____ - _____

* an "even-tempered _____ of someone who is slow to anger"
(Expositors Bible Commentary)

* "the _____ of short tempered" (Leon Morris)

IV. Hinderances to Obeying 1 Thessalonians 5:14

1. Difficulty _____ what someone is.

2. _____

3. Lack of _____ and lack of involvement in body-life.

4. Fear of _____

5. Feeling _____ for the task.