

(D3: Ministry)

Caring for One Another in the Body of Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:15)

The Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

I. An 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 commended the Thessalonians for walking in a manner pleasing to God. He affirmed their love for one another and he affirmed the way they were building up one another and yet he still felt it necessary to remind them to do those very things and to:

_____!

II. Chapter Five

A. Holy Living and the Day of the Lord (vs. 1-11)

1. Be _____
2. Be _____
3. Remember that _____, love and the _____ of salvation protect you.
4. _____ and build one another up.

B. Church Relationships (vs. 12-15)

1. _____ and esteem those who labor among you; who have _____ over you (12,13)
2. Care _____ for one another (14)
3. Seek what is _____ for _____ people (15)

III. Patient Appropriate Care for One Another (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.