

# The Book of 1 Thessalonians

“Life in Christ  
until HE Returns”

**1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22**

**“Maintaining Unity & Soundness  
in the Local Church”**



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# Outline:

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## Maintaining Soundness:

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## 1 Thessalonians 2:7–12 (NKJV)

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. 8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. 9 For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; 11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, 12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

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**James 4:1–4 (NKJV)**

1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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# Application:

- Do I struggle submitting to authority?
- Do I seek peace with all people?
- Do I seek revenge or pursue what is good?
- What ways can I “uphold the weak” or “comfort the fainthearted”?

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