



## Final Instructions

### 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-13** We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

#### LEADERSHIP

- Awkward.
- How you should respect leaders in the church.
- Those who labor among you. (Recognize CG leaders, LK leaders, team leaders) Show them respect. Join them.
- Those who are over you in the Lord and admonish you.

**Hebrews 13:17** Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- Obey spiritual leaders.
- Follow in such a way that you bring joy...not groaning...to those in charge.
- Following well is **ADVANTAGEOUS FOR YOU!**
- Remember...your leaders will give an account for your soul one day.
- Are you a good follower? If not, repent.
- How can you “esteem me highly in love?”
  - Don’t gossip about me.
  - Love my family. Don’t put undue expectations on them. Jennifer is not the female pastor. My kids should be judged on their actions, not dad’s position.
- Be at peace among yourselves. Make peace now, today. You should have a sense of unrest if you are not at peace with someone.

**1 Thessalonians 5:14-15** And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

## LIFE IN COMMUNITY

- THIS. This is how biblical community is different than just hanging out with whoever pleases you.
- The default is that you are in biblical community. Some of you have no problems here...because you don't have relationships like this.
- Admonish--strong word--against the lazy. It's good and right to do this--this is one way we care for one another.
- Encourage--the nervous, fearful. Does anyone really need MORE discouragement?
- Don't seek revenge.
- Do good to one another. And to everyone. Everyone.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## YOUR INDIVIDUAL WALK

- Do these things mark your life, believer? Individual, on the offense.
- This is the Anchor theme we have been talking about. This is how to be anchored.
  - How do you rejoice always? In good times/bad times? You focus on the return of your King!
  - Pray. And then pray some more. And then keep praying.
  - Are you thankful? Or is the majority of your time spent complaining.
  - Have you forgotten from whence you were saved? From what you have been delivered?
- This is the will of God. God said our sanctification AND these things are the WILL OF GOD.

**1 Thessalonians 5:19-22** Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

- What does the Spirit do? Empower, convict, teach (revealer of truth), gives gifts for the body and to glorify God, encourages, exhorts, produces fruit in our lives, testifies to Jesus.
- Test things.
- Abstain from evil.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

- You will be unfaithful. God will not. He will surely do it.

**Philippians 1:6** being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 5:25-27** Brothers, pray for us. 26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. 27 I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

- Closing. Pray for your leaders.
- Live in grace.

## The Ask--as we finish this awesome book

- Some need to set an anchor. Right now. In Jesus.
- Some need to grow in faith.
- Some need to grow in love and care for others--friends, the lost, leaders. Make peace. Need to get in real, biblical, messy community.
- Some need to flee...or kill sexual immorality. Good is not ok with it.
- Some need to finally, and completely, surrender to Jesus. So you can look forward to His return.
- Some need to rest and know, "He who calls you is faithful, he will surely do it."