

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 **Live Holy - Blessing**

### Honor your teachers

12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

### Holy Living

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

### Closing Blessing, Prayer Request and Greetings

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. 25 Brethren, pray for us. 26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. 27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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### Facts Revealed:

#### Honor your teachers [1 Thessalonians 5:12-13]

- ✚ It is right to show respect and appreciation for the spiritual leaders of a congregation. They labor for your good to inform and instruct you in godly living with the goal of presenting you before the Lord in a worthy walk for God's good pleasure.
- ✚ God wants His people to be at peace with each other, in unity of mind and purpose. [1 Thessalonians 5:13, Romans 14:19, 1 Corinthians 7:15, 14:33, 2 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, 23, 2 Timothy 2:22, Hebrews 12:14, 2 Peter 3:14]
- ✚ In the Lord we have peace, in the world there is tribulation. [John 16:33, Ephesians 2:14-17, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 1:19-23, 3:12-17]
- ✚ Peace is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and evidence you are walking in the Spirit and truth. [Galatians 5:22-23]

#### Holy Living [1 Thessalonians 5:14-22]

- ✚ Responsibilities of believers includes the following:
  - ✚ Warn those who are unruly, (disorderly and disruptive).
  - ✚ Comfort those who are fainthearted, (discouraged, depressed, timid).
  - ✚ Uphold (encourage, strengthen) those who are weak. [Proverbs 24:10, Acts 14:21-22, 15:32, 41, 16:4-5, Hebrews 12:12-13, Revelation 3:2]
  - ✚ Be patient with all.
  - ✚ Do not take revenge for evil done to you. [1 Thessalonians 5:15, Nahum 1:2, Romans 12:19, Hebrews 10:30]
  - ✚ Pursue what is good for yourselves and for all, that the Church may be enriched.
  - ✚ Rejoice always. No matter what our circumstances, we can always rejoice in our salvation through Christ. [1 Thessalonians 5:16, Matthew 5:11-12, Luke 6:22-23, 10:20, Romans 5:1-2, Philippians 4:4, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-14]
  - ✚ Pray without ceasing. Constant awareness of the presence of the Lord enables us to continually be in spiritual contact, knowing that God knows all our thoughts, therefore involve God in all aspects of your life.

- ✧ In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. We don't thank God for all our problems, but in every circumstance of life we can thank God for all He has done for us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and for our hope of salvation and glory in the end.
- ✧ Do not quench the Spirit. The Spirit is gentle to the believer and we control how much we allow the Spirit to work in our lives, therefore we can quench the Spirit by refusing to follow His leading or exercise His giftings.
- ✧ Do not despise prophecies. God speaks through prophetic messages given through individuals, and when we hear someone prophesy, we should listen carefully and weigh the message to see if it is according to the Written Scriptures. [1 Corinthians 14:29] This is the application of the gift of discerning of spirits. [1 Corinthians 12:10]
- ✧ Test all things. When a message comes in the form of prophecy, we must test it by the written Word of God to see if it is from the Holy Spirit, demon spirit, or personal spirit of the individual giving the message. Then we hold dear the messages from the Holy Spirit, and discard the others. [1 John 4:1]
- ✧ Abstain from every form of evil.

#### Closing Blessing, Prayer Request and Greetings [1 Thessalonians 5:23-28]

- ✠ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✧ Judgment takes place when the Lord comes to set up His Kingdom.
- ✧ That is the time we will be called to account for all we have done, said, or thought in this life, that is the time when we need the cleansing blood of Jesus to cover all our sins.
- ✧ Only in Christ will we be able to stand before the Judgment Throne as blameless.
- ✧ He Who calls you is faithful, and He will also do it. Our cleansing is God's doing through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

#### Paul's prayer request for Himself and those with him.

- ✠ Brethren, pray for us. [1 Thessalonians 5:25]
- ✧ Paul desires prayer for himself and those with him in the prison.

#### Closing greetings [1 Thessalonians 5:26-28]

- ✠ Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. Keep it holy.
- ✠ Paul commanded them to read this epistle to all the holy brethren.
- ✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.