

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labour 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ 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.

²³ 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.

²⁵ 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.

Next week: (WED ONLY)
One Thing In Common
With Jay Mariner



Discussion questions

In what areas of life do you most need to pursue Christlikeness? How are you doing at speaking and listening to others?

Counter-cultural Counter-cultural community

- Cohesive community?

This is God's will: (v15-18, 23-24)

A community completely like Jesus

- Forgiving
- Hardworking¹

This is God's work (v17-19, 23-25)

- Be prayerfully confident
- Don't quench the Spirit

These are God's workers (v12-15, 20-22)

God's word through God's community²

- Church leaders

- Church members³

¹ 1 Thess 4v11-12, 2 Thess 3:6-15

² 1 Thess 2v13

³ 1 Thess 4v11