

CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTH BAY
MEN OF THE WORD
MEN'S MINISTRY
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1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"

Session 16

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 (NKJV)

"Body ministry"

How should the family of God interact together? What are the common family traits we all should have as the body of Christ? In the last passage Paul taught us how we should relate to those who are "over you in the Lord." This week, he exhorts the church on how the body should interact; both in how we minister to each other, and how we minister to God (by how we conduct ourselves before Him). Are you an active member of the family of God? It takes every member for the body to function the way God intends. As you study this week's lesson, allow the Holy Spirit to show you where you can grow in this area.

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:14

What are the three conditions people get into at times which Paul exhorts us to minister to, and how are we to respond in each case? How are we to conduct ourselves "with all" as we do?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39

What exhortation does Paul give for how we are to respond when another does something wrong towards us? What is the rule of thumb in this as stated in Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 22:39?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16; Psalm 33:1; Nehemiah 8:10

What is the first act of worship we can minister to the Lord? How does Psalm 33 describe this act? What does Nehemiah say we gain when we do this act of worship?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18

Prayer is less an act, and more a state of being in communion with our God. To that end, how often does Paul call us to pray? Prayer is also a weapon we use for each other in our warfare with our enemy. According to Ephesians, how are we to “always” be praying for “all the saints”?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

What is the third act of worship Paul exhorts us in, and in what situations should we do it? What reason does Paul give for why we should do this, as well as for rejoicing always and praying without ceasing?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

What are the final exhortations in these verses, which speak especially of how we are to relate to the Holy Spirit, (who is the one who binds us together as a family)?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 John 4:1-3; Philippians 4:8

In not quenching the Spirit or despising prophecies, we must be sure it is the Holy Spirit we are hearing from. What is the principle by which we “test” that we are hearing from the Spirit, according to 1 John? What things does Philippians describe as “good” things we should “hold fast” to that would be according to the Holy Spirit?

Group Discussion:

Spend time in your group talking about the challenges in trying to relate to one another in the body of Christ according to verses 14 and 15. Are you taking part in that “body ministry” in a way that pleases God? How might the exhortations in verses 16-18 help us in how we minister to one another?

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.”

1 Thessalonians 5:15