

1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 5

Lesson 15: Practical Thoughts

1Thessalonians 5:16-28

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Verse 16 Rejoice evermore. You need to get back the joy that you once had when you first got saved.

Verse 17 The fact that we are able to pray without ceasing means that God is ever present; ever listening.

Verse 18 This is often taught as meaning all things in one's life are God's will, but many are reaping what one has sown AGAINST the will of God. More accurate interpretation, in light of all related scriptures, is that it is God's will that we give thanks in all things.

Verse 19 To quench means to cool or to make subside.

Verse 20 To prophesy means simply to utter as by divine inspiration and has fore-telling as a secondary meaning. The Biblical definition is found in 1 Corinthians 14:3.

Verse 21 Prove all things. Compare with 1 John 4:1 and Romans 3:4. Hold fast to that which is good. There are many things, which the Bible says are good things. We are to hold fast to these. (Ps. 133:1, Pr. 4:2, 18:22, 1 Tim 1:5, 2 Tim. 1:13, Titus 1:9, Heb. 4:14, 10:23)

Verse 22 If something is doubtful it is dirty. If something will be perceived by weak brethren or lost men as inconsistent with Christian conduct the child of God should leave it alone. If the eye is single it will not rest upon that which looks evil. The ultimate consideration is not liberty but testimony (Romans 14:13, 21).

Verse 23 Man's being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) is a reference to his tripartite nature. The moral image was lost in the fall but the physical image was retained (James 3:9, 1 Corinthians 11:7).

Verse 24 God has several callings in the Bible for the Christian. To call is to name or to designate as for an office, duty, or employment.

WE ARE CALLED:

Unto eternal life (1 Tim 6:12).

To be saints (Romans 1:7).

To peace (1 Corinthians 7:15).

Unto liberty (Galatians 5:13).

Unto holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:7).

To walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ (1 Pet 2:21).

To glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3).

God will enable you for whatever He has called you to do. He provides gifts so that you can get the job done.

Verse 25 Everything depends on prayer! Pray FOR the brethren, not AT them or AGAINST them.

Verse 26 The holy kiss shows a genuine trust in the person that you are greeting. See 2 Samuel 20:8-10 and Judges 3:15-22)

Verses 27-28 Marching orders: Read this epistle.

PERSONAL NOTES ☒
