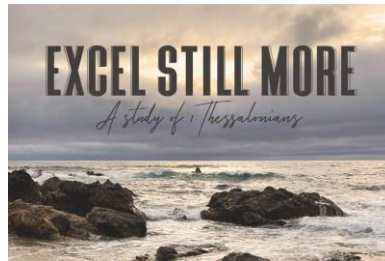


DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



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1 Thessalonians 5:14

**The Believer's Guide for Living and Striving After Holiness in the Lord's Church,
Part 2: Instructions for Corrective Ministry**

Main Idea:

Although saved from sin by grace through faith in Jesus, in this life, believers continue to struggle at times, resulting in a variety of challenging situations that require loving correction. Instruction is provided in this verse for our ministry to those in particular areas of need.

Outline:

- 1) Admonish the unruly – 3 guidelines:
 - Before admonishing a brother who seems to be engaged in unruly behavior, first prayerfully examine your own heart
 - If your own heart is right, be certain of the rightness of your concern
 - Consult with an elder. If there is agreement, the truth can be shared in love
- 2) Encourage the fainthearted
- 3) Help the weak
- 4) Be patient with everyone

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 What seems to have been the cause of the “unruly” behavior on the part of some of the Thessalonians?

Why must unruly behavior within the local church be confronted? (What problems can it result in if left unchecked?)

#2 What is the idea behind “admonishing” the unruly? What is the key resource for accomplishing this task?

#3 Who might the “fainthearted” be in the local church?

How can they be identified and encouraged?

#4 What kind of special care is required when helping the weak?

#5 Why is patience such an important virtue for living life in the in the Lord’s church?

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