

Paul's Closing Commands to the Church

(1 Thessalonians 5:12-22)

Inter-personal Commands...

- #1 – v.12 – We are urged to RECOGNIZE those who labor among us & are over us in the Lord & admonish us.
- #2 – v.13a – We are to ESTEEM leaders very highly in love, for their work's sake.
- #3 – v.13b – We are all to BE AT PEACE among ourselves.
- #4 – v.14a – We are exhorted to WARN those who are unruly.
- #5 – v.14b – We are to COMFORT the fainthearted.
- #6 – v.14c – We are to UPHOLD the weak.
- #7 – v.14d – We need to be PATIENT with all.
- #8 – v.15a – We are to SEE that NO ONE RENDERS evil for evil to anyone.
- #9 – v.15b – We are to ALWAYS PURSUE what is good for ourselves & for all.

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Other Commands...

#10 – v.16 – We are to REJOICE always.

#11 – v.17 – We are to PRAY without ceasing.

#12 – v.18 – We are to GIVE THANKS in everything.

#13 – v.19 – We are NOT to QUENCH the Holy Spirit.

#14 – v.20 – We are NOT to DESPISE prophecies.

#15 – v.21a – We are to TEST all things.

#16 – v. 21 – After testing all things, we are to HOLD FAST the things that are good.

#17 – v. 22 – And, we are to ABSTAIN from every form of evil.