



**December 4, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 | "L.I.P.=Live in Peace"**

**Sermon Application Review from 5:1–11**

How did you affirm your Christian identity and put on your spiritual armor (5:4–5, 8)?

In what specific ways did you encourage and build up other believers (5:11)?

**Scripture References**

1 Thessalonians 5:12–22

Hebrews 13:17

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Romans 12:9–21

Philippians 4:4–7

Ephesians 6:18–20

1 Corinthians 14:26–32

**Study Questions**

1. Do you honestly esteem your ministry leaders (5:12–13)? If so, how do you express love and appreciation to them? In what ways are you faithfully living out Hebrews 13:17? What tangible acts can you perform to demonstrate care?
2. In what ways have you been guilty of gossip about leaders who are serving you? Have you confessed this sin to the Lord and others? How can you make a conscious decision to “live at peace” (5:13)? When other members say critical things about CBC leaders, how will you respond? Will you lovingly, but firmly rebuke a fellow believer for having a divisive spirit? Read Psalm 133.
3. How are you seeking to minister to the different types of people at CBC (5:14)? Which of the four types of individuals listed is the most difficult for you? How can you improve your ability to care for these individuals? Will you begin to pray for them? In what ways will you strive to forgive those who sin against you (5:15) as you have been forgiven by God and others?
4. How have you learned to fulfill the commandments of contentment, prayer, and gratitude even when you don’t feel like it (5:16–18)? Why are these disciplines so difficult to master? How often do you ask God to supernaturally enable you to be the person He wants you to be? What fellow believer have you observed modeling these characteristics? What can you learn from this person’s life?
5. Do you know God’s Word well enough to discern truth from error (5:19–22)? How can you strike the biblical balance to test proposed prophecies against Scripture? In what ways have you quenched the Spirit? Today, will you begin to pray that the Lord will help you “test the spirits” so that you will know what is truly from Him? Read 1 John 4:1–6.

**Recommended Reading**

Joseph H. Hellerman, *When the Church Was a Family: Recapturing Jesus’ Vision for Authentic Christian* (B&H Academic, 2009)

Howard & William Hendricks, *As Iron Sharpens Iron: Building Character in a Mentoring Relationship* (Moody, 1995)

Daniel Henderson, *Transforming Prayer: How Everything Changes When You Seek God’s Face* (Bethany House, 2011)

R. T. Kendall, *Just Say Thanks: Cultivating Gratitude Deepens Intimacy with God* (Charisma House, 2005)