

The Church: A Durable Community

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12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, **13** and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. **15** See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always,

17 pray without ceasing,

18 give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

19 Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not despise prophecies, **21** but test everything; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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