

# God's Blueprint for Faith Baptist Church

## Part 6 – Our Directions Concluded

### 1 Thessalonians 5:19-24

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20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

- As we wrap up God' Blueprint for Faith, God has a very specific way that we are to go forward as individuals and collectively.
- These are more than suggestions...they are God's Directions on how we are to be His Church

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- **Quench not the Spirit**
  - We are the tabernacles of the Holy Spirit
    - **1Corinthians 6:19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

**20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

- We are to be in subjection to the Spirit and the Word
  - **Galatians 5:24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.  
**25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
  - When we follow the Spirit and the Word it stokes the consuming fire that is within us that desires to show forth Christ in our lives
- When we do not follow that leading we quench the fire of the Spirit
  - **Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.  
**30** And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.  
**31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:  
**32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

- **Despise not Prophecyings**

- **Prophecying** is the foretelling of what is to come or the proclamation and interpretation of the Word of God
- Basically, don't get mad when God uses a preacher to get into your life through the message
  - **Hebrews 13:7** Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the

word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation.

- **Hebrews 13:17** Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.
- There are several other passages that instruct the church to take heed, pay attention, and obey the minister God has placed in their lives.
- **To do otherwise is unwise**
- **Prove all things**
  - Don't just take the preacher's word for it
  - Don't take anyone's word for it
  - Know God's Word for yourself
    - **Acts 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.
  - Obey God's Word and see if it doesn't make a difference in your life
    - **James 1:25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- **Hold Onto the Good things**
  - When God has shown you something, don't dismiss it
  - If what God gave you is that good, why let it go?
  - If God has given you something good it came at some cost of self, why let that sacrifice be in vain

- The good things God gives us in our lives are testimonies for His glory...like a trophy case filled with His good gifts
- **Abstain from ALL Appearance of Evil**
  - if you would think it is bad to see your pastor do it...don't do it
  - if you have to work to justify it, why do you need it
  - if you wouldn't do it with Jesus sitting next to you...well, don't do it
  - Evil however is not subjective
    - That is to say that just because I call it evil doesn't make it so
    - Why do you think this is last?
    - If you know Jesus and you are following His Spirit and Word...
    - Knowledge applied is power (wisdom)
    - Evil is whatever God says
    - It is paramount to our walk with Christ that we know how to abstain from what God calls evil in our lives
    - This is how we have peace and liberty
    - This is how others See Christ
- Now we get into "**Why We Do Church this Way**"

**23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- **So we may be Wholly Holy**
  - Our sanctification will/should continue until we die or the Lord takes us home
  - We were made blameless IN Christ
    - So, don't allow blame to be a part of your life

- It is only in our sanctification (or *Christ working in our lives to show forth Jesus*) that we are able to show others who Christ is
- This makes us blameless before man, as we are before God

## **24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**

- **God is Faithful**

- No matter how much self, society, & Satan cry out, God is able & will keep us from sin
- If we choose to allow Him to do so...through the actions in the previous verses (*our directions*)