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*Paul's Letter to the
Church at Thessalonica*



I Thessalonians

Church As She Should Be (part 15)

Paul's Final Thoughts for the Thessalonians

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**fainthearted → ὀλιγόψυχος (oligopsychos) – poor soul - miserable soul – oligo → hurting, miserable, poor
psychos → mind/soul – spiritual part of us**

No need for a Psychologist or Psychiatrist ... just Jesus and His Word is enough (obedience of Faith in Christ)

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How many times should we ADMONISH the UNRULY person?

Titus 3:9-11 (NASB)

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ Reject a factious man after a FIRST and SECOND warning, ¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

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- Help those who cannot help themselves. No Enabling!
- Patience – Endure – don't let your temper get the best of you (with some people it is impossible without God's help – just sayin')
- No “Christian” – Passive-Aggressive – Revenge
- AGAPÉ's goal → The Very, Highest, Best Good for folks

2. What kind of attitude should we have?

¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give THANKS; for this is God's WILL for you in Christ Jesus.

What's God's Will for each one of us in Christ Jesus?

Rejoice in the LORD always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The LORD is near. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by PRAYER and supplication with THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philip. 4:4-7)

→ REJOICE, PRAY, Thank God IN all circumstances

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Do NOT → Quench the Spirit or Despise Prophetic Utterances. Command. Don't try to stifle the Fire of God's Spirit nor His communications to the local church.

There are those, today, that think these types of Gifts have stopped. What does Paul say about that?

But, he doesn't just leave it here ... he goes on to make sure we EXAMINE these “Utterances” thoroughly/carefully

Fire within boundaries is useful and good



Fire without boundaries is dangerous and destructive



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FIREPLACE analogy – The Bible is the Fireplace

Examining, Discerning, Judging – based upon the Word of God ...

1 John 4:1 → Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (cf. Deut. 18:15-22)

We must EXAMINE the Spiritual Teaching to make sure it is from God → We should not despise – But WE MUST BE DISCERNING!

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After Examining, Carefully Examining those “Utterances” and comparing it against God’s Holy Written Word ... as my dad used to say → cut out the fat and gristle and **keep the meat.**

If we find that someone is just blabbing all the time, trying to get attention, we must warn them because they have some other agenda as Titus 3:10-11 said. If they are doctrinally unsound, again we must warn them, in the same manner. **FIREPLACE**

4. Sanctification? Until When? Why, based on what/whom?

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What should be Sanctified → spirit, soul (mind), and body (set apart for Him, ONLY) – to be Holy unto Christ.

Sanctified UNTIL the Coming of Christ

What is this based upon – Jesus Christ & His Coming Back for us.

As 1 John 3:1-3 and other passages show – His Coming back to for us the Motivating Factor for being Sanctified.

The Sanctification Process is one of Cooperation between the Disciple and Christ, via the Holy Spirit, to become more like Christ

For More on this, please, go to: <https://gotquestions.org/sanctification.html>

5. Why should we pray for our local church leaders / missionaries?

Brethren, PRAY for us. (v. 25)

Local Church Leadership and their Missionaries that are sent out to Plant new churches, etc... They are a direct and powerful threat to Satan's "kingdom" if they are successful (in God's eyes), etc.

Leadership, their wives, children, families, etc. are targets. They are the ones that have the most influence and impact, so if Satan can get them entangled in sin or cause massive depression or DISCOURAGEMENT or things like that, it can affect the local church and many local churches.

This is why we must pray for church leadership as Satan only has limited forces and he must utilize his troops most efficiently. Thus, Satan focuses on church leadership, mostly. We must pray for protection, ministry effectiveness, and personal growth in Christ for our leaders.

(cf.: Eph. 6:10-20)

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Because God said so ... in the Old and New Testament

1 Timothy 4:13,16 - Until I come, give attention to the PUBLIC READING of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. . . .

16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

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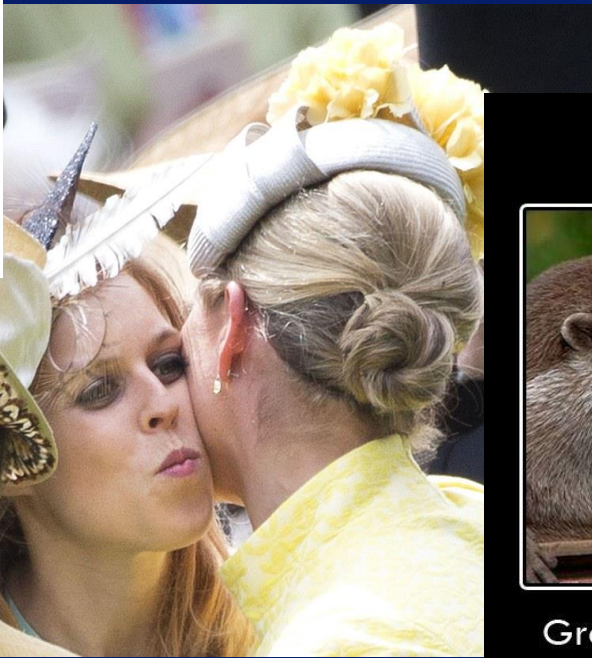
2 Timothy 4:1-4

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **2 PREACH the WORD; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.**

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.



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2 Corinthians 13:12

7. How did Paul think of the Thessalonians (vv. 26-28)

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He was Tenderly Affectionate toward them as dear family, as if they were his kids or how Grand Parents think of their Grandkids, etc.

CLOSE, INTIMATE, TENDER, Longing to be with them

*****→ Paul was NOT like this with all the churches that he planted.**

The Thessalonian church family was and is still an EXAMPLE of how a Church Should Be – in Paul's way of thinking. That church was a Great Example to HOLD UP in Honor for other churches to see and to follow Christ in LIKE MANNER.

We should Learn All We Can from what God is Teaching us as to Being a Local Church Family – Be Like the THESSALONIAN Church