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Last Chance Instruction 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

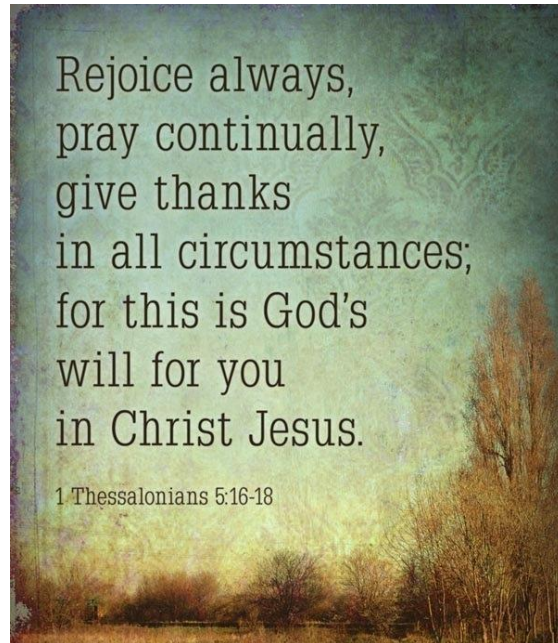
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

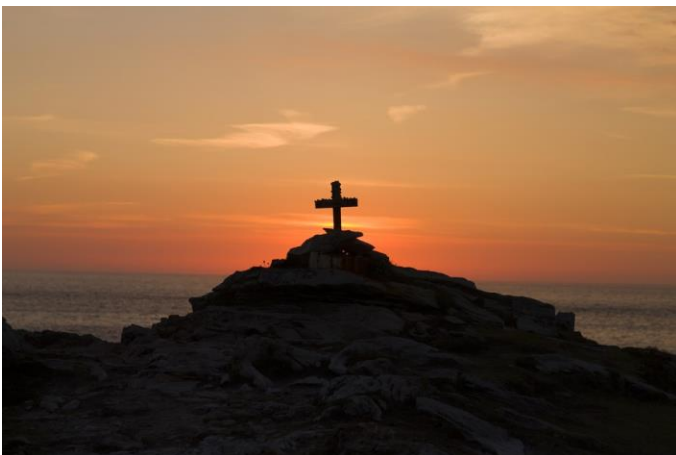
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the last passage in 1 Thessalonians. Paul lists a number of his final thoughts before he ends the letter. He wants them to be appreciative, patient, loving, prayful, and open to the Spirit. It seems like Paul was giving instruction and then at the end of the letter he quickly included all the other things that he wanted to say but did not have time or space to elaborate. At the heart of Paul's final instruction is how we treat others. Join us this week as we look at how we treat others and the example given to us in how Christ treated us.



Christian Conduct

¹² But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, ¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. ¹⁴ We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. ¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit; ²⁰ do not despise prophetic utterances. ²¹ But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.

²⁶ Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What kind of appreciation is verse 12 talking about?

9. What is meant by the instruction not to repay evil for evil?

10. What does “examine everything carefully” mean? Note the context in verse 19 and 20.

11. How does God sanctify us? (different than salvation)

12. Why would they greet each other with a holy kiss?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. How can we pray without ceasing?

14. What does it mean to quench the Spirit? Have you ever felt like you may have been quenching the Spirit? When?

15. Does verse 27 include us?

16. How would you sum up the main point of this passage?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes