

1 Thessalonians 5.11-18 / Church of the Open Bible / 12.27.15

5.11 NET: Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, just as you are in fact doing.

παρακαλέω [pah-rah-kah-LEH-oh] = exhort/encourage/comfort

οικοδομέω [oy-kuh-duh-MEH-oh] = strengthen/build up/edify

Ask God to show you some ways you could encourage or build up others in the church community.

Why should we do this? See 1 Thessalonians _____. Being born again transforms us to desire to bless each other; and the gospel gives us reason for hope and encouragement, as well as content for our edification.

5.12-13 NET: Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who labor among you and preside over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them most highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

ἐρωτάω [err-oh-TAH-oh] = ask, but with urgency in this case [beseech]

νουθετέω [new-theh-TEH-oh] = counsel how to live/admonish/warn/instruct

These verses are about how to treat _____/_____, and other spiritual leaders.

οἶδα [OY-duh] = know [usually], but here the connotation is honor/respect [acknowledge].

ἡγέομαι [hay-GEH-uh-my] = regard/esteem/respect

Three ways you can honor the pastor/elders and other spiritual leaders:

- A. Listen to them and consider their _____.
- B. Value their care and _____ [even if it includes admonishment!].
- C. Accept their ministry _____.

Ask God to show you some ways you might improve in honoring the pastor/elders and other spiritual leaders of your church, as teachers, counselors, or ministry leaders.

Can you see why you have a problem if you are not at peace with the pastor/elders?

1 Thessalonians 5.14 NET: And we urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the undisciplined, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all.

νουθετέω [new-theh-TEH-oh] = counsel how to live/admonish/warn/instruct

ἄτακτος [AH-tahk-tahs] = without accepted constraints/disorderly/insubordinate [undisciplined]

Love without truth is too _____; truth without love is too _____. So we have to bring truth in love to those who are not living biblically, not functioning well in the church community.

παραμυθέομαι [pah-rah-moo-THEH-uh-my] = console/cheer up [comfort]

ὀλιγόψυχος [ah-lee-GUH-psoo-hahs] = faint hearted/discouraged

We share truth in love to comfort those who are discouraged, struggling to feel _____ and joy.

ἀντέχω [ahn-TEH-ho] = cling to/be devoted; but here has the connotation of help

ἀσθενής [ahs-theh-NACE] = sick/weak; physically or spiritually

We share truth in love to help people become spiritually _____ and healthier.

We are _____ with people in all three groups, as we continue to share truth in love with them so as to encourage them and build them up.

Ask God to show you some ways you might improve in providing accountability, comfort, and help.

5.15 NET: See that no one pays back evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all.

διώκω [di-OH-koh] = pursue/strive for

ἀγαθός [ah-gah-THAHS] = good as in beneficial or helpful

If someone in the church upsets you, you should seek to _____ him/her, not hurt him/her back.

We are guaranteed to have conflict if we have intimacy; the question is, how will we _____ it?

As we pursue good for even those who have upset us, we also seek what is good for the _____.

Ask God to show you some ways you might improve in how you handle conflict in the church.

5.16-18 NET: Always rejoice, constantly pray, in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

5.9-10 shows that God already has _____ for us through Christ Jesus. God gives us grace, forgiveness, new spiritual life through Christ. God's goal is that we could rejoice in our hearts, constantly pray in our dependence on him and devotion to him, in all situations to remember our blessing and thus be thankful. What stands between that provision and the fruitfulness in 5.16-18 are the urgent commands Paul, Silas, and Timothy gave the church in Θεσσαλονίκη [thes-sah-luh-KNEE-kay] in 5.11-15.

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