



1 Thessalonians - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 9 – Sunday 30th August 2020: 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 – The Practice of Holy Living

The Sanctifying Power of Grace and Love Please read 1 Thessalonians 5.12-18

1. Why is it so important to show respect, thanks, grace and love in how we speak to each other:
 - In acknowledging others' service for us and the church?
 - When it is right and loving to 'admonish'?
2. Why is mutual trust so important to enable us to practice holy living together in this way?
3. Specifically, how does this practice of mutual encouragement and accountability inspire and challenge you as a small group? And how might your group grow in this area?
4. How can verses 16-18 act as something of a 'litmus test' for our relationship to the church and to fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?

The Sanctifying Power of the Spirit Please read 1 Thessalonians 5.19-22

5. "*Do not quench the Spirit.*" Why may we be tempted to have a fire extinguisher handy so that we can put out the fire of the Spirit?
6. "*Do not treat prophesy with contempt.*" Do you think you are in danger of holding prophesy in contempt by ignoring it?

God's Will, Power and Faithfulness to Sanctify Us Through and Through Please read 1 Thessalonians 5.23-28

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."

7. What have you learned from this passage and study about your partnership with God in practicing holy living every day? And what difference will this now make for you in practice?