

1 Thessalonians - True Life is Impossible Without God
(Part 12) Rapid-fire Instructions

(1Thessalonians 5:12-13a) Like all churches started by Paul, the Thessalonian church had leadership.

Pastors, elders, and deacons were _____ by God to _____ to the church body in various ways.
_____ people to meet their spiritual and physical needs
Often a behind the scenes _____ endeavor

(v.13b-22) Rapid-fire instructions for church unity and function

(v.13b) Live at _____ with one another

Faultfinding, backbiting, and tearing down of each other has no place in God's church

(v.14) Interacting with _____ people

Slack, unruly – warn those who are lazy, rebellious and cause disorder

Timid/fainthearted - people that are at the end of their rope, struggling to stay afloat.

Weak – without spiritual strength

Patient - when people afflict us, when they owe us, or when they're really trying our patience.

(v.15) Stop the _____ of returning evil for evil

Do good to everyone (Matt. 7:12)

(v.16-18) Rejoice, pray, and give thanks in every situation

These three reactions are God's _____ for true believers

Don't rejoice because of how _____ things are but rejoice in the Lord.

Your situation might have changed to be awful, but God hasn't changed.

He's still on the throne, and He's still saved you, and He's still in control.

These three reactions align your _____ with His.

(v.19-21) Don't quench/stifle the Holy Spirit

To quench the Spirit is to extinguish the _____ of the Spirit as He moves in the individual and in the church

(v.22) Stay away from every kind of _____ (Eph. 5:10-12)

(v.23-28) Final blessings and instructions

(v.23-24) Well wishes for growth in _____ produced by God

(v. 25-28) Pray for us, care for each other, share this message, receive the grace of Christ