

PAUL TO A "T"
1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.

Lesson 7 • 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 • November 9, 2011

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

2. **V12** begins with the word "now." From which topic does this word transition us?
3. How do you think the instructions in **V13-24** relate to the topic of Jesus' future return in **V1-12**?
4. a) What is the first thing the readers are asked to do in **V12-13a**?

b) Give practical examples of what this could look like.

c) Why would this be important?
5. a) List the instructions given in **V13b-15**.

b) Which of these resonate with you and why?

SECTION II: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

6. What is your definition of “be joyful always?” (V16)

7. To “pray continually” can sound daunting. Discuss ways you can actually do that. (V17)

8. Thanksgiving is this month. Recall difficult relationships or circumstances you’re experiencing. What are practical ways you can give thanks “in all circumstances?” (V18)

9. How can a person or community “put out the Spirit’s fire?” (V19)

10. Give examples of how prophecies are treated with contempt. (V20) (If you can, list some prophecies.)

11. What do you think is meant by “test everything” in V21-22? See 1 John 4:1-3 for insight.

12. From all the instructions in V16-22, which is the most convicting for you?

SECTION III: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

13. Define the word “sanctify.”

14. a) Describe what Paul might mean by “sanctify you through and through” in V23.

14. b) According to **V23-24**, how will this happen?

c) How have you experienced His sanctifying work?

15. What grabs your attention in Paul's final words in his first letter to the Thessalonians? (**V25-28**)

16. Refer back to your answer in Question 12, and write a prayer to address it.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. "The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it." What are the different ways in which our Lord is faithful, as described in Scripture?

Deuteronomy 7:8-9 _____

Psalm 33:4 _____

Psalm 145:13-14 _____

1 Corinthians 10:13 _____

2 Timothy 2:11-13 _____

1 John 1:9 _____

2. In Revelation 19:11, we learn that Jesus' very name is "Faithful and True." With that in mind, write a prayer of thanks for His personal faithfulness to you.

