

Recognizing Our Roles As Members of God's Family: Godly Relationships Require Godly Reliability

1 Thessalonians 5:11–24 {Part 1}

Recognizing the Biblical Context:

1. Paul's reasons for writing to the Thessalonians

—Fatherly admonition & advice:

—A worthy walk

—Inform; Instruct; Inspire; Increase hope & holiness

—Correct; Counsel; Comfort; Caution

2. 1 Thessalonians 1–3

—“May the Lord increase your love & establish your holiness!”

3. 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

—God's will = sanctification = **HOLINESS**

4. 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

—Encourage one another with God's prophetic promises = **HOPE**

5. 1 Thessalonians 5:11–28

—In view of God's faithfulness, “Rejoice! Pray! Give thanks!”

Revealing the Content of Today's Study:

God's goal for all followers of the Lord = **HOPE & HOLINESS**

This is a cooperative effort between God Himself,
His family of faith, & each of us individually!

—1— God intends for us to **RELATE** to one another!

{1 Thessalonians 5:11–15}

—Paul's emphasis here shifts to the value of **RELATIONSHIPS!**

—They can be **REWARDING**;

—They can be **RISKY**;

—They are **RIGHT** when there is:

—**mutual trust**; {Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 18:24}

—**mutual truth**; {Proverbs 27:5–17; Proverbs 20:6–7}

—**mutual tolerance**; {Proverbs 19:11; Proverbs 20:3}

—**mutual talk**. {Proverbs 12:13–26}

—2— God intends for us to be **RESPONSIBLE** for one another!

{1 Thessalonians 5:11–15}

—We're commanded to **encourage & build up** one another; {11}

1. **Encourage** = remind; revive; rescue; reassure; relieve; respond

2. **Build up** = raise up; repair; rebuild; ready

—We're commanded to **appreciate & accept authority**; {12-13}

1. **Appreciate** = recognize with reasonable respect

2. **Esteem highly in love because of their work/calling** = respect & regard Church leaders as appointed by God

—We're commanded to **live in peace** with one another. {13}

Living in peace requires us to be reasonable, responsive, respectful, & respectable.

—We're commanded to **seek one another's best**. {14-15}

1. This involves **reacting righteously to what others do and say**.

2. This **requires reproving others when they need restraint**.

—We're commanded to **keep an eye on our relationships**. {15}

1. This means **repaying good for evil**, not evil for evil.

2. This requires **regarding relationships as higher than “stuff.”**

Realizing The Relevance For Us: A Reality Check!!!!

① Godly relationships help to **STRENGTHEN** our godliness!

② Godly relationships help to **STABILIZE** our godliness!

③ Godly relationships help to **STRETCH** our godliness!

④ Godly relationships help to **STEER** our godliness!