

## Recognizing Our Roles As Members of God's Family: Functioning Like A Family In Faithful Fellowship

1 Thessalonians 5:12–28 (Part 3)

### Recognizing the Biblical Context:

Paul wrote this letter to **ADMONISH** the Thessalonians to remain steadfast & strong in view of the Lord's provisions, promises, & presence and in respect to their anticipation for His return.

### Revealing the Content of Today's Study:

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

The Lord's process = a cooperative effort between  
Himself, God's family of faith, & each of us individually

**HOLINESS** within the Church leads to **HEALTHINESS!**

—1— **GUIDELINES** to **FACILITATE** GETTING ALONG with one another

Church ministry is healthiest when God's family members:

—**SUBMIT** to the authority of leaders & **SUPPORT** one another!  
{1 Thessalonians 5:11–13}

—**STAND STRONG** on biblical values in every situation;  
{1 Thessalonians 5:13–15}

—2— **GUIDELINES** for **FINDING** GOD'S WILL {1 Thessalonians 5:16–18}

God's **basic instructions** for His family:

—**PROCLAIM** God's glory = Rejoice always

—**PERSISTENT PRAYER** never ceases = God is ALWAYS AVAILABLE!!!

—**PRAISE** God for His gracious goodness = in all things give thanks

—3— **GUIDELINES** for **FOCUSING** on **GOD'S WORD**

{1 Thessalonians 5:19–22}

—**ACKNOWLEDGE** the **ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY** of His Word. {19}

—**ACCEPT** His truth and never **ABANDON** it. {20}

—**ACTIVELY APPLY** the principles & practices in God's Word {21–22}

—4— **GUIDELINES** for **FUNCTIONING FAITHFULLY** in **GOD'S FAMILY**  
{1 Thessalonians 5:23–28}

—**SANCTIFICATION** = Being set apart for God's use! {23–24}

—A process prompted by God = it's a joint effort between God  
& each of us individually

**POSITIONAL** sanctification = established when we trusted in Christ

**PRACTICAL** sanctification = our daily development of spiritual growth

**PERFECT** sanctification = when we receive our glorified bodies

—**SUPPORT** *within our family of faith* {25–28}

Prayer for one another

Encouragement for one another

Attentiveness to the Truth

**A Reminder about God's Grace!!!!**

### Applications from 1 Thessalonians 5:11–24

**Accountable** to God & to one another

**Alongside** one another as members of God's forever family

**Advise** one another in a loving manner

**Admonish** one another when appropriate

**Appreciate** Church Leaders & those who instruct you

**Attentive** to God's Word

**Apply** God's Truth to every day attitudes & actions

**Always** seek what best for one another

**Avoid & Abstain** from all evil actions

**Anticipate** the Lord's return with hope