

Notes for 1 Thessalonians chapter 5:12-28

Reference	Doctrine	Implication	Cross References	Notes
1 Thess. 5:12-13	Hold spiritual leaders in high regard	Paul encourages Believers to respect and love their pastors. Pastors are to labor and work out of concern for the souls of others.	1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17; Ezekiel 3:17-18; Acts 20:28 Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17	“know” - literally “see” or to pay attention to Phrase “in the Lord” points to spiritual leaders
1 Thess. 5:14-15	Practice Christian Love	Concern for fellow Christians and non Christians is part of the life of every Christian, not just the pastor.	Galatians 6:1-2; Ephesians 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:24-26 Proverbs 20:22; Matthew 5:44-45; Romans 12:17-21	“admonish” “encourage” “help” “be patient”
1 Thess. 5:16-22	The Christian Life Exemplified	Paul lists eight imperatives that characterize the Christian life and remind us of God’s will for our lives.	Phil. 4:4-7; Mat. 5:12; Luke 18:1; 1 Peter 4:7; Col. 4:2; Ephesians 5:20; Phil. 4:6; Mat. 12:20; 1 Cor. 12:28, 14:37; Is. 8:20; 1 John 4:1; Phil. 1:10	“quench” - extinguish or put out “Test” - to determine if genuine (used of metals)
1 Thess. 5:23	Sanctification	Paul prays for the completion of God’s work in His fellow Christians. God’s work of Justification and Sanctification go hand in hand, and work together to accomplish salvation.	Romans 15:5; 1 Peter 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Acts 20:32	αγιαζω (hagiazō) - “sanctify” Notice the terms: “entirely” “complete” “without blame” – A TOTAL process worked by God in us!
1 Thess. 5:24	God’s Faithfulness	Our hope is certain because it depends on God who is faithful and powerful.	Lamentations 3:22-23; 1 Corinthinans 1:9 2 Timothy 2:13; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:3	πιστος (pistos) - “faithful” related to πιστις (pistis) - “faith” / “believe”
1 Thess. 5:25	Prayer	Paul has already described his prayers for the Thessalonians and now asks for their prayers for him.	2 Corinthians 1:11; Romans 15:30; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2	προσευχομαι (proseuchomai) - “pray” is a strong form of “wish”
1 Thess. 5:26-27	Conclusion	A kiss was a common greeting in this culture (cf. Judas in the Garden	Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; Colossians 4:16; 2 Thessalonians 3:14	αδελφος (adelphos) - “brethren”
1 Thess. 5:28	Benediction	This is a common benediction by Paul. It is rich in comfort and meaning!	Romans 16:20; 2 Thessalonians 3:18	χαρις (charis) - “grace” that is “good will, loving-kindness, favor”