



1 Thessalonians

LIVING FOR CHRIST'S SOON RETURN



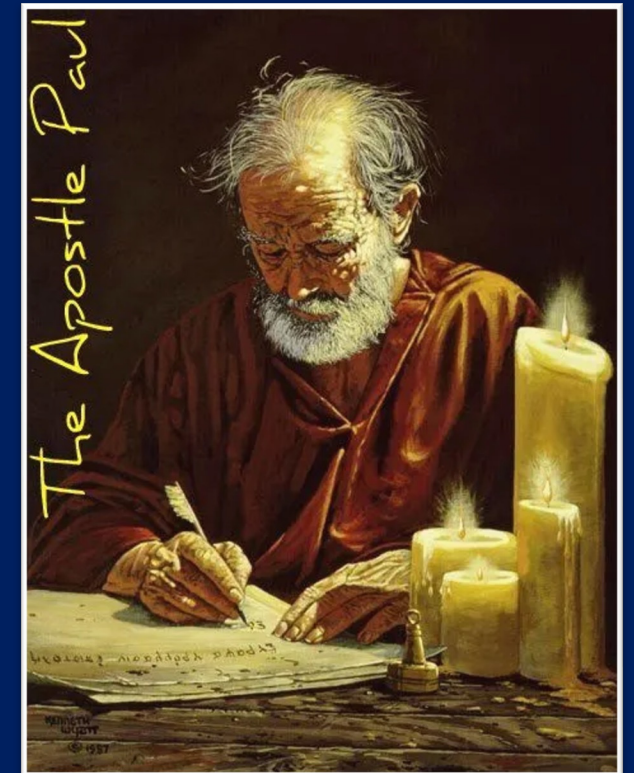
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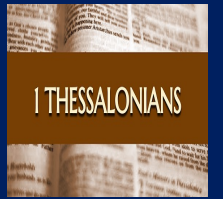
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■ Personal Experience	■ Practical Exhortation
■ Looking Back	■ Looking Forward



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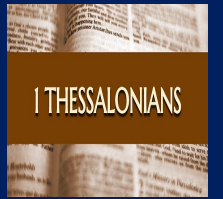
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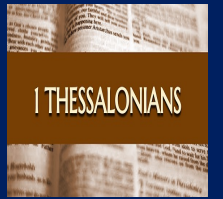
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Church Life

- 5:12-13 – Attitude toward leaders
- 5:14-15 – Ministry toward one another

ATTITUDE
and MINISTRY is a
CHOICE

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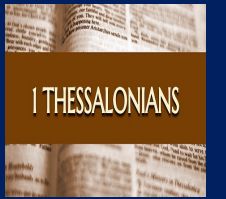


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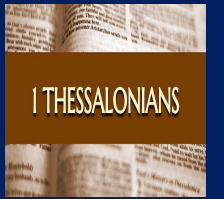
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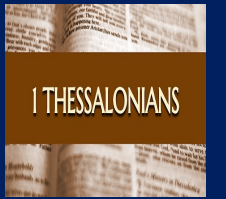
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Three Positive Commands (5:16-18)



1. Rejoice always (5:16)
2. Pray without ceasing (5:17)
3. Give thanks in all things (5:18)



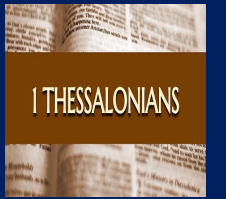
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1. Do not quench the Spirit (5:19)
2. Do not despise prophetic utterances (5:20-21)
3. Abstain from evil (5:22)

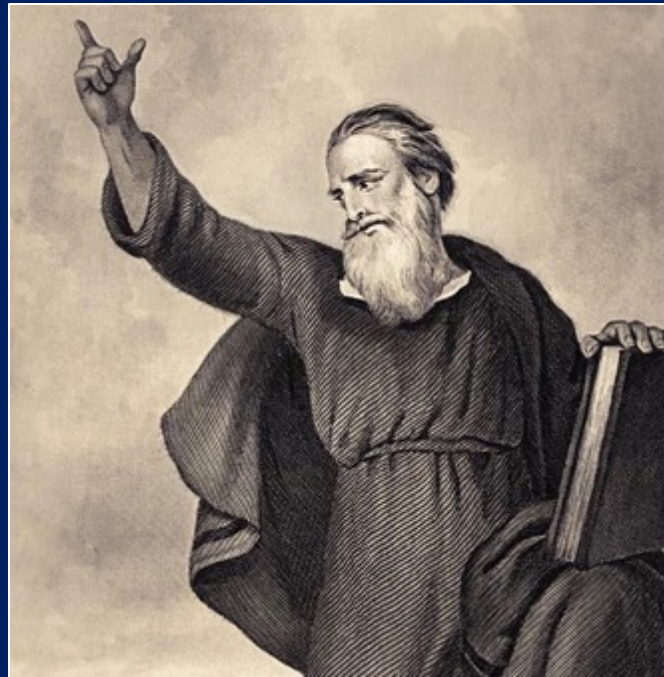


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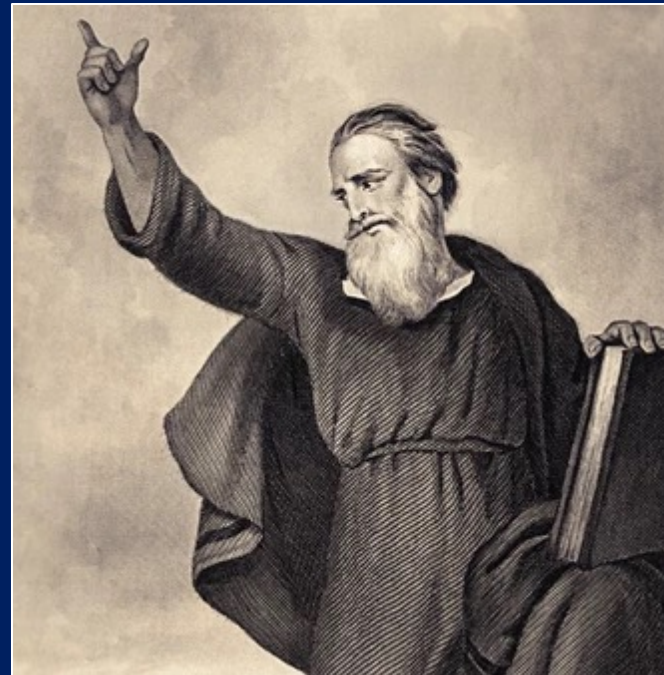
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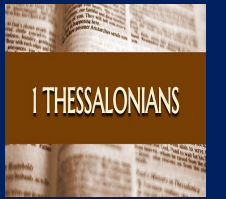


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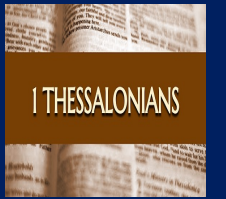
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1 Timothy 4:13

“Until I come, give your attention to the public reading, to exhortation, and teaching.”



2 Timothy 3:16-17

“¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God [*theopneustos*] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”





Emphasis of 2 Timothy

“By my count, there are twenty-seven explicit commands given in the body of this letter. In 27 words Paul tells pastors what to focus on. You have to be blind to miss the thrust of Paul's instructions here, because *eighteen* of those commands--fully *two-thirds*--have to do with the ministry of the *Word*.”

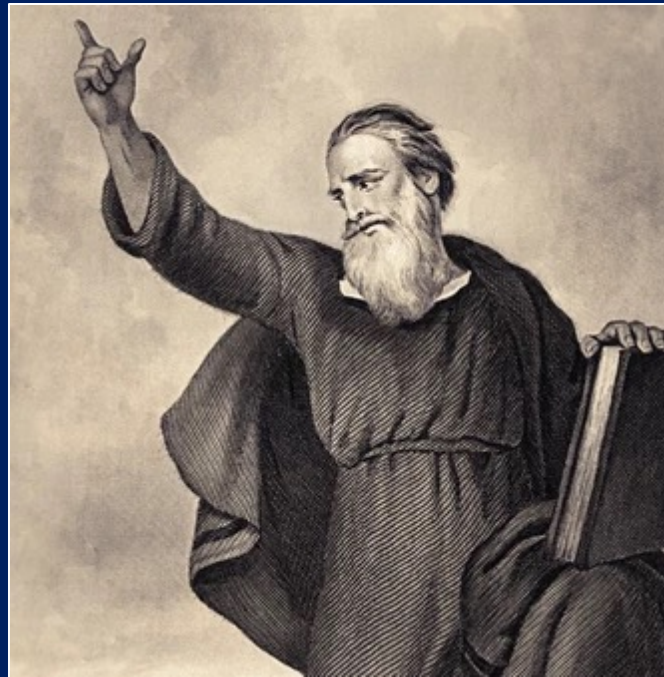
Daniel Wallace, “Crisis of the Word: A Message to Pastors or Would-be Pastors,”
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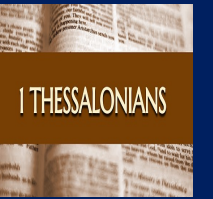
2 Peter 3:18

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”



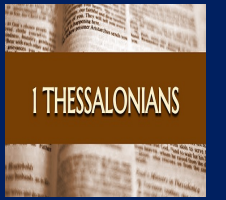
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Message



- Continued growth in faith, hope, and love in view of the Lord's imminent return





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