



Take 5 minutes to Glorify God

Sheep's Pasture

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-22 (NKJV)

"I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren."

Paul sent this letter to you.

You are the Holy Brethren.

This is a letter of encouragement and reminder to us that regardless of our current circumstances, we are called to be lights in a dark world.

We are exhorted (encouraged) to not be unruly or break ranks from our faith but instead to be comforters, helpers and show patients with all. We are to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in everything.

Are there time when you feel like you cannot do this? Look at verse 23, God does the work, He Himself will sanctify you completely, and preserve you blameless. Our jobs are to submit to Him so that He will complete this work in us. Submitting becomes our focus, it is an action on our part that is ongoing and continual. Struggling with areas in your life? Submit them to God and let Him complete His work.

The World needs the Church's Holy Brethren to submit to God, so that we may shine with His glory into a Dark and Desperate Night that they will know God loves them.

About Take 5

We believe God's Word transforms lives and technology can be used for His glory.

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)
so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies. ²¹ Test all things; hold fast what is good.

²² Abstain from every form of evil.

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.