

## The Church: A Living Organism—Not a Lifeless Institution

I Thessalonians 5:12-28 / November 26, 2022

**Second Coming:** Therefore encourage one another with these words. (4:18). Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (5:11).

### Encourage One Another: Church Leaders (5:12-13, ESV)

*We ask<sup>1</sup> you, brothers*

1. to **respect**
  - those who labor among *you* and (toil, strive, struggle)
  - are over *you* in the Lord and (manage, responsible)
  - admonish *you*, and (discipline, warn, reprove)
2. to **esteem** *them* very highly in love because of *their* work.
3. **Be** at **peace** among *yourselves*.

### Encourage One Another: Church Members (5:14-15, ESV)

*And we urge you, brothers,*

4. **admonish** the *idle*, (idle: absent from work)
5. **encourage** the *fainthearted*, (fainthearted: anxious)
6. **help** the *weak*, (weak: easily tempted)
7. **be patient** with *them* all. (be patient: long-suffering)
8. See that **no one repays** *anyone* evil for evil, but
9. always **seek to do good** to *one another* and to *everyone*.

### Encourage One Another: Church Worship (5:16-24, ESV)

10. **Rejoice** always, (Psalm 95:1)
11. **pray** without ceasing, (Luke 18:1-8)
12. **give thanks** in all circumstances; (Psalm 103:2)  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for *you*.
13. **Do not quench** the Spirit. (quench: Put out a fire; Cover-up a light)
14. **Do not despise** prophecies, but **test** everything; **hold fast** what is good.
15. **Abstain** from every form of evil.
  - Now may the God of peace himself **sanctify** *you* completely, and
  - may *your* whole spirit and soul and body **be kept blameless** at the coming of *our* Lord Jesus Christ.
  - He who **calls** *you* is **faithful**; he will **surely** do it.

### Encourage One Another: Summary (5:25-28)

16. *Brothers*, **pray** for *us*.
17. **Greet** all the *brothers* with a holy kiss.
18. **I put** *you* under oath before the Lord to have this letter **read** to all the *brothers*.  
The grace of *our* Lord Jesus Christ be with *you*.

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<sup>1</sup> **Bold Face** = What We Do (23 verbs) / *Italics* = To Whom We Do It (32 nouns)

## Summary of Verbs and Nouns from I Thessalonians 5:12-28

Vr	Verbs (Behavior)		Nouns (Relationships)	Vr
12	Ask		We	12
	Respect		You	
13	Esteem		Brothers	
	Be (peace)		You	
14	Urge		You	
	Admonish		You	13
	Encourage		Them	
	Help		Their	
	Be (patient)		Yourselves	14
15	Do not repay		We	
	Seek		You	
16	Rejoice		Brothers	
17	Pray		Idle	
18	Give thanks		Fainthearted	
19	Do not quench		Weak	
20	Do not despise		Them	15
21	Test		One	
	Hold fast		Anyone	
22	Abstain		One another	
25	Pray		Everyone	23
26	Greet		You	
27	Put		your	
	Read		Our	24
			You	
			Brothers	25
			Us	
			Brothers	26
			I	27
			You	
			Brothers	
			Our	28
			You	28