

## Encourage One Another

Series: The One Anothers

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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I. We Are To Encourage One Another Because of The Coming of Christ

*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 [a]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 [b]comfort each other and [c]edify one another, just as you also are doing. 1*

**Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A. The Time of His Coming

*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.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-2**

B. The Trepidation of His Coming

*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. 1 Thessalonians 5:3*

C. The Trouble of His Coming

*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 [a]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. 1*

**Thessalonians 5:4-8**

D. The Triumph of His Coming

*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 [b]comfort each other and [c]edify one another, just as you also are doing. 1*  
**Thessalonians 5:9-11**

## II. We Are To Encourage One Another Because of The Church of Christ

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

*14 Now we [e]exhort you, brethren, warn those who are [f]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[g] 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.*

*25 Brethren, pray for us.*

*26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.*

*27 I charge you by the Lord that this [h]epistle be read to all the [i]holy brethren.*

*28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28*

### A. We Are To Encourage The Church Leadership

*And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and [d]admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

#### 1. We Are To Accept Them

*And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and [d]admonish you, 1 Thessalonians 5:12*

#### 2. We Are To Appreciate Them

*13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thessalonians 5:13*

### B. We Are To Encourage The Church Partnership

*14 Now we [e]exhort you, brethren, warn those who are [f]unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 1 Thessalonians 5:14*

### 1. The Unruly

*14 Now we [e]exhort you, brethren, warn those who are [f]unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 1 Thessalonians 5:14*

### 2. The Fainthearted

*14 Now we [e]exhort you, brethren, warn those who are [f]unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 1 Thessalonians 5:14*

### 3. The Weak

*14 Now we [e]exhort you, brethren, warn those who are [f]unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 1 Thessalonians 5:14*

#### C. We Are To Encourage The Church Fellowship

*15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. 1 Thessalonians 5:15*

*25 Brethren, pray for us.*

*26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.*

*27 I charge you by the Lord that this [h]epistle be read to all the [i]holy brethren.*

*28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. 1 Thessalonians 5:25-28*

#### D. We Are To Encourage The Church Worship

*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[g] 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. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

#### 1. We Need To Avoid These Three Extremes:

- The Legalist
- The Formalist
- The Fanatic

The legalist and the formalist would put the fire out, the fanatic would permit the fire to burn up everything.

2. We Need To Focus On Four Things:

- Prayer

*17 pray without ceasing, 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

- Praise

*18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

- The Word of God

*19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21*

- Godly Living

*22 Abstain from every form of evil.*

*23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify[g] 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. 1 Thessalonians 5:22-24*

“For to worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open up the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.”

— William Temple, *Nature, Man of God* (2003)