



'And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.' 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 (NIV)

✳ **A Healthy Church Is Full of Gospel-Centered Disciples Who...**

1. Perform DIFFICULT TASKS for Others.

→ **With boldness, they wisely CONFRONT.**

'...warn those who are idle and disruptive...' 1 Thessalonians 5:14a (NIV)

→ **With awareness, they graciously COMFORT.**

'...encourage the disheartened, help the weak...' 1 Thessalonians 5:14b (NIV)

→ **With selflessness, they patiently COOPERATE.**

'...be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.' 1 Thessalonians 5:14c-15 (NIV)

'...Return to the Lord your God, for He is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish.' Joel 2:13 (NLT)

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." 1 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

2. Practice DEVOTED LIVES to God.

✳ **True Devotion Looks Like...**

☞ **Relentless PRAISE.**

'Rejoice always,' 1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NIV)

'Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power.' Daniel 2:20 (NLT)

☞ **Persistent PRAYER.**

'pray continually,' 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)

"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You." Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV)

➡ **Authentic GRATITUDE.**

'give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

'Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.' Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

➡ **Humble OBEDIENCE.**

'Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.' 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (NIV)