

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



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Sermon Series: Tomorrowland
Sermon Title: Self-Assessment
Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Bottom Line

Spiritual leaders:

- Diligently work for the spiritual benefit of others and don't use others for their own glory.
- Care for those in their influence by not just exercising the authority they have, but by leading with love.
- Positively encourage, while also fearlessly warning about the dangers of sin.
- Influence the people they lead by:
 - Ignoring bad behavior.
 - Remembering that any interaction they have is training.
 - Rewarding good behavior.

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

This week, Pastor Dale used a self-assessment tool (on page 3 of our notes) to walk us through 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22. Most of us have used self-assessment tools at various times in our lives. What self-assessment has been most influential in your life? Why?

Let's Talk

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. Who are some people like this in your life? How does the Apostle Paul tell us to relate to spiritual leaders? How do you think the Church is doing as it relates to living "in peace with one another?" What does living in peace with one another practically look like? Why is it so important?
2. Read verses 14. What are some ways that you have seen the Church live out the admonitions of verse 14? Can you think of a time where you have needed the Church to be like this in your life? Share about that time. Which of these areas is most difficult for you personally? Why?
3. Read verse 15. Pastor Dale quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. who said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness only light can do that and hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." How does King's quote relate to verse 15?
4. Read verses 16-18. Take these verses phrase by phrase. How can we people who rejoice always? What does Paul mean when he says to, "Pray without ceasing?" How can we develop an attitude of giving thanks in everything?
5. Read verse 19-22. What do these verses teach us as followers of Jesus living in the 21st Century?

Let's Act

In his message, Pastor Dale encouraged us to choose one of the traits that we looked at this week and to work on it. This week, commit to pray, asking God to help you improve. Tell someone what you are asking God to help you work on.

Notes:



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- ___ Appreciate those who diligently labor among you (verse 12)
- ___ Esteem them very highly in love (verse 13)
- ___ Live in peace with one another (verse 13)
- ___ Admonish the unruly (verse 14)
- ___ Encourage the fainthearted (verse 14)
- ___ Help the weak (verse 14)
- ___ Be patient with everyone (verse 14)
- ___ See that no one repays another with evil for evil (verse 15)
- ___ Always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people (verse 15)
- ___ Rejoice always (verse 16)
- ___ Pray without ceasing (verse 17)
- ___ In everything give thanks (verse 18)
- ___ Do not quench the Spirit (verse 19)
- ___ Do not despise prophetic utterances (verse 20)
- ___ Examine everything carefully (verse 21)
- ___ Abstain from every form of evil (verse 22)

A—Excellent: "I need to mentor others in this."

B—Above average: "Room for improvement but not bad."

C—Average: "Not completely healthy in this area. I could use improvement."

D—Below average: "This really needs my attention."

F—Terrible: "I'm doing the opposite."

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