“Life in the Church (As it’s supposed to be)”
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1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

We all need a family, as we all need the Church.
We need to remember that as in family’s there are no perfect families, as to there are no perfect churches. We as a church body are a family and are in no means perfect, nor will we ever be, Thank God.

The following study includes 16 directives (an official or authoritative instruction) from the Holy Spirit.

Lets remind ourselves why we obey biblical commands:

I John 4:18-19
There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1JN.4.18-19

John 14:15
“If you love Me, keep My commandments.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/JHN.14.15

John 14:21

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/JHN.14.21

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Family Leadership (5:12-13)

I Thessalonians 5:12
And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.12

recognize = Identify, Remember, recall or recollect.
labor = work, especially hard (physical work).
are over you in the Lord = They preside over us, to lead us to stand before us.
admonish = Advise, recommend, urge.

Acts 20:31
Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ACT.20.31

I Thessalonians 5:13a
and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.13

esteem = Resect, admiration or held in high Regard

To think highly of them to the point of praying for them, cooperating with them, and or seeking out their counsel and advice regarding how to become a closer follower of Jesus Christ.

We need to recognize that true leaders aren't doing it for accolades and appreciation, but rather for the Lord and to watch him work in people's lives.

Hebrews 13:17
Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/HEB.13.17

I Thessalonians 5:13b
Be at peace among yourselves.
(Be peaceful with each other)

To do this, there must be regular forgiveness.
Dr. Bruce Hebel: Forgiving Forward:Unleashing the Forgiveness Revolution
http://modernchristianmen.com/dr-bruce-hebel-forgiving-forward/

We should not only forgive every trespass but we should also forgive forward(Meaning: There is nothing that

anyone can do to hurt me that I will not forgive.
We must accept each other in spite of our or their imperfections, remembering that none of us are perfect.

I John 1:8
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1JN.1.8

I John 1:10
If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1JN.1.10

Family Partnership (5:14-16)

I Thessalonians 5:14
Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.14
exhort = Strongly encourage or urge

We are called to warn the unruly.
unruly = Disorderly, rowdy, wild…

And called to comfort the fainthearted
fainthearted = Timid, lacking courage, nervous, easily scared…
And to also uphold the weak

As seen in:

Acts 5:15
so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ACT.5.15

Matthew 26:41
Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/MAT.26.41

And then we are also told:
be patient with all.
Love inspires you to become a patient person. When you choose to be patient, you respond in a positive way to a negative situation.

Although "patience makes us wise. It says, 'help me understand' instead of 'How dare you' it doesn't rush judgment, but puts our feelings on pause so that we can fully listen to what the other person is saying." From: The Love Dare.
https://www.amazon.com/The-Love-Dare-audiobook/dp/B00CLMALVI/ref=sr_1_1?hvadid=213899205275&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=9052636&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrand=14862183417934651502&hvtargid=kwd-326074175884&hydadcr=22538_9636740&keywords=love+dare+challenge&qid=1688412429&sr=8-1

I Thessalonians 5:15

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

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.15

Matthew 5:38-42

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.
40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.
42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/MAT.5.38-42

Exodus 21:23-25

23 But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life,
24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EXO.21.23-25

Leviticus 24:20

fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him.

https://my.bible.com/bible/114/LEV.24.20

Matthew 5:44-45
44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/MAT.5.44-45

I Thessalonians 5:16
Rejoice always,
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.16
No matter what is going on or happening in our lives we must rejoice always because our God is always with us and has touched every part of our lives with His ever loving grace.

Philippians 4:4
Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/PHP.4.4

Romans 12:12
rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ROM.12.12

Luke 10:20
Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are

subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/LUK.10.20

Family Worship (5:17-21)

I Thessalonians 5:17
pray without ceasing,
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.17

This doesn't mean continuous, and uninterrupted prayer but frequent and regular prayers in a consistent prayer life.

Romans 12:12
rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ROM.12.12

Ephesians 6:18
praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EPH.6.18

Colossians 4:2
Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/COL.4.2

I Thessalonians 5:18
in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.18

With this we should remember that Deep gratefulness comes from an attitude of undeservedness.

I Thessalonians 5:19
Do not quench the Spirit.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.19

Let us remember that The Holy Spirit want to work, wants to help, He offers Himself for every aspect of our lives; He wants to work in the church via the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Let's ask our selfs:
How can we quench the Holy Spirit? By not submitting to His leading or by committing other sins that would Greve Him.

Ephesians 4:30
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/EPH.4.30
grieve = cause great distress

I Thessalonians 5:20
Do not despise prophecies.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.20

Prophecies: words of edification, exhortation, or comfort delivered from one believer to another believer.
Do not despise these words from other believers.
despise = Feel contempt

I Thessalonians 5:21
Test all things; **hold fast what is good**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.21

I John 4:1
Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1JN.4.1

Philippians 4:8
Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/PHP.4.8

Does what you're hearing, and seeing agree with the teachings of the Bible? Is this prophecy from the Lord?

Godly Living (5:22-28)

I Thessalonians 5:22

Abstain from **every form of evil**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.22
Abstain = Avoid, Stay clear or be distant from it, keep yourself from doing it.

I Thessalonians 5:23-24
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.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.23-24
sanctify = set apart as or declare holy; consecrate.
blameless = innocent of wrongdoings.
Trichotomy = a division into three categories
What is the Trichotomy of man: spirit, soul and body.

Being sanctified is the strongest wish for any human,
Being set apart completely.

I Thessalonians 5:25
Brethren, pray for us.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.25

A request, not a demand. The request/plea from a needy heart.

I Thessalonians 5:26
Greet all the brethren with a **holy kiss**.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.26

This was a common first-century greeting that expressed love similar to a modern hand shake.

Romans 16:16
Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/ROM.16.16

I Peter 5:14
Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1PE.5.14

This ancient custom is still widely practiced in the Middle East.

I Thessalonians 5:27
I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.27

This is a strong directive… a charge. To public read and study Gods word.

I Thessalonians 5:28
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
https://my.bible.com/bible/114/1TH.5.28

God's favor is upon us. May we know it.