1Thess #121

Persistently seeking truth is imperative for a Believer.

Good news – Rob and Marla whom we had prayed for in recent months, Rob contacted me to let me know Marla’s father is doing better since his chemo-therapy sessions ended.

Let us open back up in 1Thessalonians chapter five.

We will read right through verse 12 into verse 18 to get us back on track in the letters to the church at Thessalonica.

Keeping in mind the problem arose at Thessalonica because a few Bels allowed false doctrines concerning the end times into the church.

/Anytime you are taught accurate doctrines and then you allow a false doctrine to override what you have already heard and trusted to be true, it is a sign of a weak link in your soul structure. There is something missing in your spiritual growth, as well as a lack of respect for the spiritual leader you have submitted too. \

It is often related to the measure of your faith.

When I joke around about being on the fence as to your Christian beliefs, it is really to wake Bels up!

This is the end result of being on the fence.

The simple explanation in scripture is a double-minded Believer;

/Psa 119:113 I hate those who are **double-minded**, But I love Your Law.

[Jas 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/8/s_1147008) *being* a **double-minded** man, unstable in all his ways. (Jas 4:8) \

The double-minded Bel will always be hopping from one new teaching to the next.

Whoever impresses this person with any form of wit and intellect, will win them over for a period of time.

They rarely can settle under one pastor-teacher for more than a few years.

The Apostle Paul and Timothy had both taught solid BD to this congregation. They were set up for success and yet a few weak Bels began to infect the rest of the congregation.

1Thes 5:12 But we ask you, brothers *and sisters,* to recognize those who diligently labor among you and are in leadership over you in the Lord, and give you instruction,

[1Th 5:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/13/s_1116013) and that you regard them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

Our series on spiritual leadership was ignited because of verses 12 & 13.

It was a strong call from God the HS to me - to make sure I clarify the role of spiritual leadership, especially in the realm of pastor-teacher.

/[1Th 5:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/14/s_1116014) We urge you, brothers *and sisters,* **admonish the unruly**, **encourage the fainthearted**, **help the weak**, be **patient with everyone**.\

[1Th 5:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/15/s_1116015) See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek what is good for one another and for all people.

[1Th 5:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/16/s_1116016) Rejoice always,

[1Th 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/17/s_1116017) pray without ceasing,

[1Th 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/18/s_1116018) in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

The concept is that the Apostle Paul is telling the men who were probably deacons or in training for leadership such as a future pastor-teacher, that they need to keep things civil and peaceful yet be strong and take charge.

If you do not like being put on the spot and occasionally being viewed as the bad guy. Or coming under the microscope of other people’s, skewed viewpoint, stay away from any leadership role.

 REPEAT

/1Thes 5:14- *admonish the unruly,*

Unruly is the Greek adj. *ataktos,* it means out of order. Not following protocol, often used for a person who does not show up for the job or does not follow the rules. In the military it was used for a soldier out of step and out of line or breaking rank.\

AT-TAH-TUSK, it is not just for the person who is loud and obviously out of line – it is also used for the person who is completely unorganized in relation to their duties.

*Noutheteō* (NUTH-AH-TAYO), means to admonish but it has a strong emphasis on warning someone.

The leaders at Thessalonica were being called to get a handle on the lies and counterfeits by issuing warnings.

/Insubordination begins with a thought and a negative whisper; it is also shown in the action of cutting corners and straying from a protocol. When the guideline or authority has laid down specific instructions and those under that authority begin to question and manipulate the set protocol that is a major red flag in a chain of command. There needs to be an immediate response and warnings before discipline becomes the next option.\

The leaders of that congregation were being called into action in regards to a response and giving out warnings, which does not mean immediate discipline.

It was a call to go over the core doctrines and then give a warning out that some people had gone off course.

/1Thes 5:14 - *encourage the fainthearted*

Assist the confused or feebleminded to remain calm and guide them back into truth. Most of this is written in an imperative mood within the present tense – keep on doing this, this is a command or directive from the Apostle Paul.\

Fainthearted is – *oligopsychos,* (OLLIE-GOP-SUE-CUS) it really means very small faith which points to a Bel who is easily confused.

Bels with little faith are easily swayed.

/1Thes 5:14 – *help the weak,*

Those who lack maturity need assistance. Be there to guide those who are not as strong as you!

*Be patient with everyone,*

*Makrothymeō (be patient),* do not allow your temper to bring strife into a situation already ripe with problems. Be longsuffering with everyone in recognition that we all grow at a different pace. \

MAR-OT-THO-MAYO*,* longsuffering, this means anyone in leadership has to understand how far to go with someone before you have to make the hard decision to discipline.

Harsh words and discipline are only called for after you have repeated the goals and protocol as well as given out warnings.

/1Cor 14:33 for **God is not *a God* of confusion,** but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

Prov 25:26 *Like* a **trampled spring and a polluted well**, *So* is a righteous person **who gives way** before the wicked.\

God is not the author of confusion – when you have found the truth do not let any lies bring in confusion into your spiritual walk.

*Who gives way* – is the Hebrew verb in the Qal stem, *môṭ* (MOAT), it means to be shaken or pushed off course. The Bel allows something to make them slip off of their course.

In this case false teaching.

/1Jhn 4:1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because **many false prophets have gone out into the world**. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: **every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God**;\

The only warning, I have to go along with this scripture is - be careful of subtle lies within the church of Jesus Christ.

Many pulpits and denominations teach a version of truth and they hide behind the name Jesus Christ.

Stay in the word and stay in the new nature as often as possible.

Then pay close attention to those who teach the word of GOD and those who try to lead you into the WORD.

Be careful of underline agendas of people who try to lead you to truth and those who teach it! REPEAT

/Jer 17:9 “The **heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick;**
Who can understand it? 10 “I, the LORD, **search the heart, I test the mind**, To
give to **each person according to his ways,** According to the results of his **deeds**.\

God will give you the truth of real enlightenment if you are genuinely seeking HIM…seeking HIS truth.

The reality is our emotions mixed with the lies of the cosmic system cause an illness of the soul. It is a blinding of the mind - toward truth.

/Jhn 14:26 “But **the Helper,** the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and **remind you of all that I said to you**.

The right thing, done in the right way is the only way to discern truth. The two power options have to be a part of our daily spiritual walk.\

Turn to Luke chapter eighteen RF.

Trust me, if you begin taking the word of God seriously and the filling power of the HS becomes second nature for you. GOD will reveal HIMSELF to you and one of the main ways God does that, is by the accurate teaching of HIS word.

 REPEAT

/Mat 7:7 “**Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you.

After salvation there needs to be a serious decision to engulf yourself into BD, making HIS word a priority.\

When you begin to push away from your dependence upon cosmic viewpoint and human emotions as a means to understanding everything.

Then you begin to absorb the majority of your viewpoint from BD, it will give you the exact discernment you need to get under the right teaching.

You cannot remain in a state of doubt or confusion and expect to have good discernment.

Now in Luke chapter 18 -TLJC is speaking about a parable in relation to the type of tenacity we are called to have to truly seek GOD.

Luk 18:1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not become discouraged,

[/Luk 18:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/18/2/s_991002) saying, “In a certain city there was **a judge who did not fear God and did not respect *any* person**.

There are always going to be lies and obstacles in the path, the Bel must have the intestinal fortitude to maintain their walk.\

[Luk 18:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/18/3/s_991003) “Now there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me justice against my opponent.’

The widow is following the protocol to come in front of the legal system, even though it appears corrupt and state her case continually.

[Luk 18:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/18/4/s_991004) “For a while he was unwilling; but later he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect *any* person,

[/Luk 18:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/18/5/s_991005) yet because this widow is bothering me, I will give her justice; otherwise **by continually coming she will wear me out**.’”

When you are truly seeking that which is true and under the protection of righteousness, you do not stop halfway or accept a lower standard. \

In fact, the Greek term *hypōpiazō* (HOOP-O-PEE-ODZO)- *wear me out*, used was one of the ancient grapplers and arena fighters used when they were beaten into submission and exhausted.

It’s called quitting on your stool or throwing in the towel today.

[Luk 18:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/18/6/s_991006) And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unrighteous judge said;

[/Luk 18:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/18/7/s_991007) now, will God not bring about **justice for His elect who cry out to Him day and night,** and will He delay long for them?

When GOD looks at your heart and sees the serious nature of a Bel seeking a closeness with HIM, it is then that HE will open a doorway for that deeper intimacy. \

Remember prayer has one of 3 answers – either yes, no… or wait for HIS timing.

Luk 18:8 “I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

Jesus was referencing the lack of serious Bels in the current world and then looking deeper into the Tribulation period.

/Through powerful, habitual prayer and metabolization of BD, coupled with the new nature, a Bel finds their way into precise teaching of God’s word. Confusion and doubt are not in the vocabulary of GOD in relation to HIS children. When these two arise, the Bel must become sensitive to what direction God is leading them. \

/Emotions do not think, they react, therefore it is the first step in recognizing that you are not in a space of learning and growing but reaction. Evaluate self and then evaluate the teaching agenda, if either of these are driven by emotions it means either your OSN is attempting control, or the teaching environment is not from GOD.\