

Series: UNSHAKEN
Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Sunday: November 24, 2024

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (ESV)

¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

²⁵ Brothers, pray for us.

²⁶ Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

²⁷ I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1. What is the difference between thinking highly of a leader because of their Kingdom work and idolizing a leader?

2. What does it look like to warn, comfort, help, and be patient with others? What are some ways that we can put those verbs into action?

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3. Compare and contrast verse 15 to Matthew 5:38-42. How is it similar, but how is it different?

4. Looking at verses 16-18, we see that these are commands that you are supposed to do endlessly. Why is this God's will for us?

5. Verses 16-22 are little rhymes that are easy to memorize and help guide Christians in the right direction amidst trials. How did these instructions help the Thessalonians remain unshaken during their suffering?

6. Explain how God is involved in the work of sanctification. What role do you play?

7. Throughout the book of 1 Thessalonians, how has God transformed your faith into **UNSHAKEN** faith?

Bonus Question: Why do we not greet each other with a holy kiss anymore? ;)