

## A Challenge To Grow (4-5) -- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-18

### \*\*\* LOVE LEADS to Encouragement \*\*\*

#### 1. ENCOURAGE THOSE CALLED \_\_\_\_\_ INTO MINISTRY \_\_\_\_\_ !

*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. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.* **1Thess 5:12-13**

#### 2. WARN OTHERS ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLACENCY \_\_\_\_\_ !

*And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive,* **1Thess 5:14**

*The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.* **Prov 13:4**

*For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.* **2Thess 3:11**

*...they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to.* **1 Tim 5:13**

#### 3. ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ FEEL LEFT OUT \_\_\_\_\_ !

*...encourage the disheartened,* **1Thess 5:14**

*If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you .* **John 15:19**

*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world.* **John 16:33**

#### 4. ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK \_\_\_\_\_ !

*...help the weak,* **1Thess 5:14**

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* **Rom 8:38-39**

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* **Isaiah 41:10**

#### 5. BE PATIENT \_\_\_\_\_ WITH EVERYONE \_\_\_\_\_ !

*...be patient with everyone.* **1Thess 5:14**

*With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,* **Eph 4:2**

#### 6. WARN AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ REVENGE \_\_\_\_\_ !

*Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.* **1Thess 5:15**

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.* **Rom 12:17-19**

#### 7. SHARE THE CHRISTIAN \_\_\_\_\_ LIFESTYLE \_\_\_\_\_ !

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* **1Thess 5:16-18**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* **Rom 12:2**